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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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2. Portugal Exhausts First Edition—Asks One-Half Million More Copies!
3. India Bids New Printings in Four Languages
4. Japanese Braille Edition for Blind Winning Many
5. Checks for \$6,125 Made January 6

By Editor John R. Rice

As this is written, we are just preparing checks totalling \$6,125, to be sent to foreign countries for further printing of my booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in Japanese, in four languages in India, in Portugal, and for a braille edition for the Japanese blind.

They are waiting now for further copies in Japan, in India and Portugal. Former editions are completely exhausted, we are told.

However, we have recently received copies of a beautiful edition of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" printed in the Chinese language, for use on the island of Formosa. A hundred and fifty thousand copies were printed in two colors for which we furnished the means.

I have also received lovely sample copies of a new Korean edition of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" for which SWORD of the LORD readers and workers furnished the expense of publishing. We do not have full details of how many were printed. That will be coming in a few days. How we praise God that in that war-torn country hungry hearts may read the Gospel and be saved through this edition made possible by SWORD readers.

One Million Copies Requested For Japanese World Evangelization Congress and Nation-Wide Evangelization Program This Year

Day before yesterday, the last day in 1952, Mr. Ted Engstrom, Executive-Secretary of Youth For

Christ International, called from Chicago to make an appointment and came out to see me. He presented to me a letter by Rev. Sam Wolgemuth, Japan Director for Youth For Christ, a copy of a letter which I had recently received by mail.

You will find that letter photographically reproduced on page 5. Briefly this is what it says: Youth For Christ International, in co-operation with most of the evangelical missionary societies working in Japan, is having its sixth World Congress on Evangelism there in August of this year. While Mr. Ted Engstrom was in Japan recently laying groundwork for this World Congress, workers recommended that he lay before this editor the need for one million copies of the tract, "What Must I

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Not Far From The Kingdom

By late Evangelist J. Wilbur Chapman, D.D.

"Thou art not far from the Kingdom of God."—Mark 12:34.

It is said that in one of the great cathedrals across the sea there is a clock which is so marvelous in its mechanism that ignorant and superstitious people have almost looked upon it not as the work of man but of God. It is said that when the chimes ring out it would seem almost as if a company of angels had lodged in the cathedral spire to sing heaven's sweetest music.

For a long time the maker of the clock was not paid for his services, so one day he stole up into the cathedral spire and touched one of the springs of the clock, and although all the mechanism was there, the wheels did not move; although the chimes were there, they did not ring out. Then it is said that weeks and months afterward the maker was paid for his services, and he came again and touched the same spring, and suddenly the same sweet music rang out and there was the same wonderful exhibition of mechanism.

It is an interesting story, and to my mind it is a good illustration of many in the world today who seem to lack but one thing to make them all that God would have them be, and that is the touch of the Master's hand. It would be a sad thing to see an arch without a keystone, a building without a foundation, a human heart without a hope; and to find a man attempting to battle with and defeat all the temptations of life in his own strength. It would seem to me that the story we are studying is in line with the story of the cathedral clock. "Thou art not far from the kingdom of God."

I need scarcely remind you that these were the last days of Jesus on earth. The shadow of the cross was already falling upon Him. His enemies somehow seemed to realize that He was about to leave them, although doubtless they would never have put it in words, and they were attempting in every way to entrap Him in His doctrine. The Sadducees, who had no hope of the resurrection, put their questions to Him, while a man who was evidently fair in his judgment, and a lawyer of the old days, stood off and listened. And

when he saw that Jesus answered them fairly, he turned to Him with his own questions. He said, "Master, which is the first commandment?"

I would like those of you who say that all we need is just to do the best we can in this life for ourselves and our fellow-men about us to listen to the reply of Jesus. He said, "This is the first commandment: The Lord our God is one Lord." Then He went on to say that man owed allegiance

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Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman

Clay Cooper Finds Sword In Central Africa



From Kano, Nigeria, Clay Cooper, the foreign correspondent for *The Sword of the Lord* sends the above picture. This is the word he sends about the picture.

"Pictured above are two native Nigerian 'paper boys' with copies of THE SWORD of the LORD. Imagine our happy surprise to see these lads coming along the road here in Central Africa, each with a different issue. The papers had been given them freely at the S.I.M. (Sudan Interior Mission) Bookroom in near-by Kano. Because of the long-time British influence (now diminishing) in Nigeria, there is a considerable English-reading population. Still more widely distributed in Africa is the popular 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' booklet. Many missionaries and mission societies pray for God's blessing upon the foreign-evangelism work of Dr. John R. Rice and long for a wider distribution of the soul-winning Sword publications—in both English and native languages."

In a personal letter he says: "Dear Dr. Rice: Pursuant to my recent letter

and article for THE SWORD, here is the picture and story I mentioned. It did not take us long to seize upon the opportunity of 'shooting' this picture, for I felt the folks at home should have documentary evidence of the far-reaching influence of your foreign missionary vision. These are days of terrific activity, but I want to get more articles and observations in the mail soon. Pray for us. There are problems!

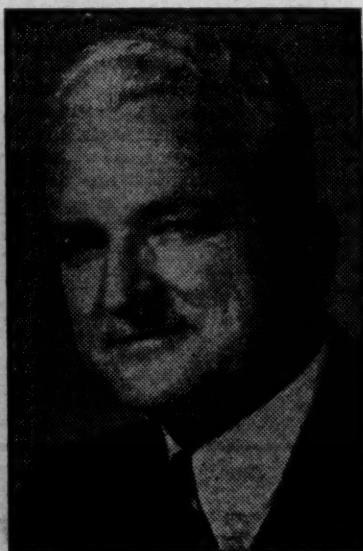
"Sincerely in Christ,"
(Signed) Clay

These copies of THE SWORD of the LORD, one of them from 1945, the other from 1947, were distributed for us by the Sudan Interior Mission. When Evangelist Clay Cooper, our foreign correspondent on evangelistic tour of the mission field, saw these boys coming down the road, he quickly stopped them and took their picture.

The Language of Heaven

By D. A. McCall, D.D.

Minister of Revival Promotion, Sword of the Lord Foundation



Dr. D. A. McCall

What is the language of Heaven? There must be some language of Heaven. We are told that twenty-seven hundred languages and dialects are spoken by the people of the earth. What is the language of Heaven?

In Revelation, chapters 2 and 3, we see Jesus in the midst of His churches talking to each church. What language does He employ? How does He speak to His churches today?

We note a brief verbal discourse in Heaven as found in Revelation 4:8-11:

"And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne,

saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." Another is seen in Revelation 5:5-14:

"And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of

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THE EDITOR'S Notes

by John R. Rice

Address all mail to the editor, to Wheaton, Illinois. Pray for us. The work is growing and being blessed.

Cumberwood Camp Is Building

Readers may remember that the editor's brother, Evangelist Bill Rice, has set apart and dedicated to the Lord a fine part of his thousand-acre ranch near Murfreesboro, Tennessee, for a Christian conference ground. Cumberwood Christian Retreat has been incorporated under the laws of Tennessee as a non-profit corporation. The incorporators include Evangelist Bill Rice; Mrs. Catherine Rice; Pastor Woodrow Medlock of the Westvue Baptist Church, Murfreesboro; Mr. E. E. Widner, president of the Gideons of Texas, Dallas, Texas; and this editor. I am glad to serve, and feel a great need for a Christian conference ground in that area, which will run all summer long to win souls, to bless Christians, to stir revival fires, and to be a center of spiritual blessing for young people particularly. This summer we expect to start with three separate weeks of conferences; but, God willing, within another year we hope to have a full summer's program worked out. Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., president of Bob Jones University, has now accepted a position on the board and so has Dr. Lee Roberson, president of Tennessee Temple Schools, pastor of Highland Park Baptist Church.

For the conference ground an artificial lake has been created, a deep well has been dug at considerable expense, a two-room cabin has been built of concrete blocks, a well-house has been built. Electricity has been brought in for more than half a mile, and the diningroom-kitchen building of 40 x 80 feet was started last summer. The roof is being finished this week, God willing.

Mr. E. E. Widner of Dallas has given a gift of \$2,000 for dormitories dedicated to deaf children, and it is planned to have a deaf children's conference every year. (Brother Bill's oldest daughter is deaf and deaf children are very dear to his heart.) Dwight and Paul Life of Clarksburg, West Virginia, have given money for a two-room concrete block cabin; and it has been built. Mr. Fred Hawkins of Springfield, Missouri, gave \$250 for some of the great initial expenses. Mr. Donald Halleck of Hartland, New Brunswick, also gave \$250. Another lovely gift of \$100 came from Mr. Clarence Keegan, Mars Hill, Maine. Others have given varying amounts.

Just now two men are finishing the sheeting on the roofing, and will lay the roll roofing. This will cost approximately \$350, and the money is needed soon. I am giving Brother Bill my check for \$25, and I hope that others who are burdened for a great Christian conference ground dedicated to revival and soul winning in this needy part of the United States, will send their offerings, as they feel led. For this purpose, be sure to address your letters to Evangelist Bill Rice, care of the Sword of the Lord, Wheaton, Illinois. Bill has a secretary here all the time, and the mail will be promptly forwarded to him where he is. Every gift will be acknowledged and receipt sent.

Brother Bill Rice Spends Weeks in Sword Office

Bright and early December 29, Brother Bill Rice appeared in the Sword of the Lord office. At my earnest entreaty he came to spend some weeks of hard work. He is the director of the Sword Staff of Evangelists, and for days he planned, wrote letters, called pastors, answered questions, tried to adjust dates to suit the needs of various churches and pastors with whom we co-operate in furnishing godly, Spirit-filled evangelists.

Then he is reading carefully and helping judge the 240 or 250 evangelistic sermons which came to the

Christ Is Coming

By C. H. Spurgeon

There is a great reason why we should live like aliens and foreigners here and that is, Christ is coming soon. The early church never forgot this. Did they not pant and thirst after the return of their ascended Lord? Like the twelve tribes, day and night they constantly watched for Messiah. But the church has grown weary of this hope. There have been so many false prophets who tell us that Christ is coming, that the church thinks He will never come; and she begins to deny, or to keep in the background the blessed doctrine of the second advent of her Lord from Heaven.

I do not think the fact that there have been many false prophets should make us doubt our Lord's true word. Perhaps the very frequency of these mistakes may show that there is truth at the bottom. You have a friend who is ill, and the doctor says he cannot last long; he must die; you have called a great many times expecting to hear of his departure, but he is still alive; now the frequent errors of the physicians do not prove that your friend will not die one of these days, and that speedily too. And so, though the false prophets have said, "Lo, here," and "Lo, there," and yet Christ has not come, that does not prove that His glorious appearing will never arrive.

You know I am no prophet. I do not know anything about 1866; I find quite enough to do to attend to 1862. I do not understand the visions of Daniel or Ezekiel; I find I have enough to do to teach the simple word such as I find in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, and the Epistles of Paul.

I do not find many souls have been converted to God by exquisite dissertations about the battle of Armageddon, and all those other fine things; I have no doubt prophesying are very profitable, but I rather question whether they

Sword of the Lord in the \$1,000 Evangelistic Sermon Contest, which closed December 1. How much work it is to read these sermons, read them over and over, compare, make notes, discuss, and then for each one of the judges (Dr. D. A. McCall, Mr. Walter E. Handford, Jr., Evangelist Bill Rice and this editor) to separately rate the sermons, picking out the first thirteen which, in his judgment, should receive prizes. Then we add up the score of each of the sermons. Each judge will give the sermon which he puts first, thirteen points; second place is worth twelve points, etc. And the last of the thirteen gets one point. Then we will add up and find which sermon has really gained the points for first place and second place, etc. And the prizes will be announced, God willing, right away.

Then Brother Bill was needed for a meeting of the board of directors, and to counsel with us about various problems of the great work here in Wheaton. It is a great comfort to have Brother Bill at hand with his strong faith and mature wisdom to depend upon. And his work has made possible the continuation of the Staff of Evangelists. The fellowship has been sweet for these couple of weeks in Wheaton.

Missionary Norman Lewis

Be sure to read the good sermon by missionary Norman Lewis on "Hoarders of Heavenly Riches or Ambassadors for Christ—Which?" This stirring revival preacher went to Argentina as a missionary and the Lord is tremendously blessing his ministry there. Please pray for him. If you are blessed by his sermon, why not write him and say so, and ask him to give you details of his missionary work and needs.

Get A Sample of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" Booklet

The dear Lord is blessing the foreign translations of the little booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" so greatly that many of



Charles H. Spurgeon

are so profitable to the hearers, as they may be to the preachers and publishers. I conceive that among religious people of a certain sort, the abortive explanations of prophecy issued by certain doctors gratify a craving which in irreligious people finds its food in novels and romances. People have a panting to know the future; and certain divines pander to this depraved taste, by prophesying for them, and letting them know what is coming by-and-by.

I do not know the future, and I shall not pretend to know. But I do preach this, because I know it, that Christ will come, for He says so in a hundred passages. The Epistles of Paul are full of the advent and Peter's too, and John's letters are crowded with it. The best of saints have always lived on the hope of the advent. There was Enoch, for he prophesied of the coming of the Son of Man. So there was another Enoch who was always talking of the coming, and saying, "Come quickly."

us are in danger of forgetting that its greatest usefulness has been in the English language and in the United States. I suggest that every reader write for a free sample copy of this booklet. Over five million copies have been printed in the English language, one million seven hundred thousand copies in Japanese, and hundreds of thousands of copies in Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian; in Gujarati, Marathi, Telugu and Tamil languages in India. It is being printed in the Hausa language in Africa. I understand. One Spanish-language edition is published in Spain, another edition printed here in the United States. Many, many thousands have been saved through this blessed and plain Gospel message. Please get a sample copy free. Read it for the joy of your own heart, and to learn how to win a soul. Get a copy for your lost boy or girl or neighbor or friend and ask them to read it. If you want extra copies, you may have them, two cents each in the English edition, three cents each in Spanish edition. We do not have copies of the other foreign language editions for sale in this country.

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If the figure after your name is 1-53, your subscription is expiring this month! Renew now so you won't miss a single issue!

Those Bad, Bad Evangelists!

Are Most Evangelists Ex-Convicts, or Ex-Communists, or "Men With the Most Unsavory Pasts...?"
Are God-Called and Anointed Evangelists the "Outstanding Exception"?
Are Most "Decisions" in Evangelistic Meetings False?
Do Evangelists Rarely Make Plain the Scriptural Plan of Salvation?
Do Evangelists Do Wrong to Preach Against Sin, Preach Repentance and Judgment?

By Evangelist John R. Rice

A magazine article in a Christian magazine either directly states or clearly infers that the above slanders are true. That article clearly states that most evangelists are ex-convicts or ex-communists or night club singers, or "men with the most unsavory pasts." This article clearly states that "men who possess the Spirit's gift as evangelists, whose ministry God is sealing," are "outstanding exceptions." It says "so little evangelistic preaching is rooted in the Scriptures..." It complains that Old Testament Scriptures are used, Scriptures concerning sin and judgment. It questions whether the "decisions" do not "lack a basis of faith," and whether those who make the "decisions" raise the hand but have no change.

The magazine is *His*, the official magazine of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. The issue is the January, 1953, copy. The editor is Joseph T. Bayly.

A special marked copy of the magazine was sent me, presumably from the publishing office. Doubtless it was hoped that I would comment on the article, and I am glad to do so.

We Esteem This Magazine For College Young People and Its Editor

We are glad for the work of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, and Rev. C. Stacey Woods, the General Secretary. We thank God for a clear testimony established in many colleges and universities for the Lord, and encouragement for good Christian living.

And we are glad that *His*, "a magazine of campus Christian living," is being published. It will be of interest to many young people. And we are sure it will help many to live for God. The Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship and its organ stands for the evangelical faith, it is against modernism, and, I think, generally correct in doctrinal position.

The editor, Rev. Joseph T. Bayly, was assistant pastor of the Wheaton Bible Church for a year or two, and we like him and admire him. May the Lord richly bless him in the difficult task as editor.

But, despite our kindly regard for *His* magazine and Inter-Varsity Fellowship and Joseph T. Bayly, we are sad to find that this

article is seriously wrong in several matters. First, it is sensational, in a bad way, seeking attention by over-stating its case, by appealing to prejudice. It is cynical. It is sophomoric in attitude, appealing to the freshman viewpoint. And much worse, it is careless of the facts and definitely inaccurate. Worst of all, it is, consciously or unconsciously, a slanderous attack on a most useful class of men, evangelists, and on the greatest work in the world, soul winning.

Since I am the editor of *The Sword of the Lord*, a mouthpiece for evangelism and evangelists; since I have more intimate contact with evangelists around the world than probably any other living man, with the possible exception of Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.; and since I have been for many years active and somewhat prominent in mass evangelism, it falls upon me to answer these charges and insinuations made by my young brother.

Now we reprint in full the editorial by Editor Joseph T. Bayly from the January, 1953, of *His*.

Article in HIS Magazine "The Show Must Go On"

"The hoodlum, the night club singer and the dope peddler are all getting into the act. The act: modern American evangelism."

"And it's some show, too, with real, live heroes for the children, straight from crime syndicates, penitentiaries and movie sets. Advance billing has made unknown names bright through association with such magic figures as Costello, Cohen and Luciano."

"People who never heard a singer in a night club now come to church to see one, and bring the children. (Somewhat frayed, of course, but it's hard to secure young ones for this show.) People who have had a couple of shots of penicillin during their lives come to hear the man who peddled heroin to high school kids. (He held a children's matinee this afternoon.)"

"George Whitefield would have a hard time getting into the act today. Unfortunately he became a Christian at Oxford before he had a chance to take over his father's saloon"

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AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING REVIVAL WEEKLY

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Hoarders of Heavenly Riches, or Ambassadors For Christ, Which?

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"And it came to pass after this, that Ben-hadad king of Syria gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged Samaria. And there was a great famine in Samaria: ... And there were four leprosy men at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die? If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die. And they rose up in the twilight, to go unto the camp of the Syrians: and when they were come to the uttermost part of the camp of Syria, behold, there was no man there. For the Lord had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host: and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us. Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life. And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold and raiment, and went and hid it; and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence also, and went and hid it. Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household. So they came and called unto the porter of the city: ... and he called the porters; and they told it to the king's house within. And the king arose ... And the people went out, and spoiled the tents of the Syrians."—II Kings 6:24, 25; 7:3-12, 16.

Every Christian has a big job to do. God has made no exceptions. I pray the Holy Spirit will use this incident from the history of Israel to impress upon us the vital job. The city of Samaria was being bitterly besieged. Food was scarce. The city's life was being stranded by the tight circle of the Syrian Army around it. So terrible was the hunger that mothers ate their children.

Outside the city gates were four lepers. They too were starving. They talked of entering the city, but saw there was no hope for a loathsome beggar to beg food there. They decided to go to the camp of the invading army. Food might be given them there. Death was the only alternative wherever they might be.

Remember, leprosy pictures sin in the Bible. In those times it was one of the most repulsive, horrible diseases to afflict mankind. Leprosy was incurable. Forced away from contact with other human beings, the sufferer's life became a living Hell.

But leprosy is only a picture of that deadlier disease, more loathsome and terrifying that is deep rooted in every human being. The leprosy of sin is universal. "There is none righteous, no not one." "There is not a just man upon earth that doeth good and sinneth not." "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." No human cure exists for the leprosy of sin. But blessed be God, there is one divine remedy, the death of God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. On the cross He took the place of every sin-sick soul. Indeed, "He bore our disease." By His stripes we are healed if your heart has bowed repentant before God, and His Son has been enthroned in your life.

I. Riches

The lepers reached the Syrian camp. It was deserted. "For the Lord had made the host of the Syrians to hear the noise of chariots, and the noise of horses, even the noise of a great host." They thought a mighty hired army was being hurled against them, and in panic fled away through the darkness of the night. The four lepers fall like famished wolves on the food and drink. The first sharp pangs of hunger are soon stilled. Now greed is aroused! Enormous riches are to be had for the taking. Feverish activity follows. We see them rush from one tent to another grabbing clothing, gold, silver, then out into the night to find a place to hide it. Back again, panting they labor on, goaded by the passion of possession, surrounded by limitless booty, measureless riches!

My Christian friend, let this speak to your heart of the riches you have found in Christ. They are not of your deserving. Yet riches you have, high as Heaven, measureless as the far reaches of eternity. God has saved us with an

evangelical church. On a nearby balcony of a wealthy home a young man watched and listened with rapt attention. The meeting ended, and the workers left. Next day they returned to the town for another meeting. They were asked not to hold their meetings in the same place because the wealthy home had been plunged into mourning. A sister of the young man explained, "My brother was so interested in what you said. He came into the house and talked about what you preached. Two hours later he had a heart attack and died."

Dear Lord, make us to feel the urgency of sharing the riches Thou hast so freely given us.

II. Reflection

The four lepers began to think. "I thought on my ways," says the psalmist. Christians need to consider well what they are doing. The lepers were hiding their newfound riches. "Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace." If that text had been written in the book of Acts to show every believer his duty, the words could hardly have been more appropriate. You "do not well" if you keep quiet in this day of glad tidings of salvation. Strong reasons rise up to condemn such silence.

If you hold your peace you disobey God. He commands you: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:15, 16).

In a revival a Christian was praying for an unconverted friend. He prayed, "O Lord, touch this man with Thy finger, touch him with Thy finger." He repeated this plea with intense fervor, until an inner voice said, "You are the finger of God. Have you touched your friend? Have you talked to him about the salvation of his soul? Go. Touch him, and you will see that your prayer will be answered." It was a voice from the throne of God. The Christian stood up, ashamed. For a quarter of a century he had known the friend for whom he was praying, had known he was impenitent. Nonetheless he had never told him of his danger. The many opportunities when he might have done so had passed with talk about the news, politics, business, but never a burning word of testimony for Jesus. How many Christians have the same guilt!

If silent about the Saviour, you reveal ingratitude. In prayer we often profess to be grateful to our Lord. Our hymns are filled with thanksgiving to Him who loved us and gave Himself for us. Do we mean it? Or do we rub out with our elbow what we write with our hand, as a Spanish saying puts it. Do not trample under foot by practical indifference God's great command to speak to lost souls. Witnessing means work. There is a price to pay. But gratitude to Jesus can move you to action.

If you are silent you are selfish. The Gospel is the only message that can save a soul. God has given us the true riches. Any fortune in gold and silver, stocks and bonds, cattle and lands that man thinks he has is fictitious. All will be left behind at death. But he who shares Jesus Christ, shares life eternal. What a privilege! You can make men rich unto life eternal. Do you do it? A silent Christian is a selfish, sinful wretch.

If you do not share the good tidings of Jesus you help to damn friends and loved ones. The wages of sin is death. Your dear ones without Christ must one day pay sin's wages. God's Word is plain. "I have made thee a watchman... therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the



Rev. Norman Lewis

everlasting salvation. The guilt of our sin is gone, born by Another. The grinding remorse of a life badly lived has disappeared. Ours is a new life of "joy unspeakable, and full of glory." In fact, the greatness of our good fortune in being redeemed has only dawned upon us. Full understanding of our riches is still hidden from us. That revelation is yet to come.

*When this passing world is done,
When has sunk yon glaring sun,
When we stand with Christ in glory,
Looking o'er life's finished story;
Then, Lord, shall I fully know—
Not till then—how much I owe.*

What of your use of the Gospel riches? Are you a hoarder, or a sharer? Do you live for self, or for others? If you have not spoken today of the riches of Christ, then today you have buried them.

Two men worked together for years, and then discovered that both professed to be Christians. Shortly thereafter they were with a preacher and one said, "Pastor, let me tell you something. We have been companions at work for five years, and just last week discovered that we both were Christians. Isn't that funny?"

"Funny!" said the pastor, "Get on your knees and pray, both of you for neither one of you is converted!" God deliver us from a satisfied, silent, selfish religion.

The case of lost souls around us is desperate. Every day is someone's last day. Last week our workers preached in the plaza of an Argentine town which has no



Dr. John R. Rice, left, congratulating Dr. D. A. McCall on the publication of Dr. McCall's first book, *The Language of Heaven*. Dr. Rice, with twenty books and thirty widely-read pamphlets to his credit, commends his associate. Dr. Rice is president of Sword of the Lord Foundation, editor THE SWORD OF THE LORD; Dr. McCall is Minister of Revival Promotion for Sword of the Lord Foundation.

wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand."

Paul could say, "I am pure from the blood of all men" (Acts 20:26). But see how Paul kept free from blood guilt. Read that same wonderful chapter and see how he served the Lord with humility and tears, keeping back nothing. Paul showed men, taught them publicly and from house to house, testifying constantly "repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." You are not Paul, but you love his Saviour. Jesus commands you to testify. "Go ye," He says. "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

III. Resolution

"Come, that we may go and tell." The four lepers made a decision. It was a good resolution. Oh, that God would take Christians by the scruff of the neck and the seat of the pants, and put us to work. How we need a holy resolve to make Jesus Christ known to sinful men!

Are we too weak to decide? Too cowardly to be soldiers? Parts of the life of Francisco Pizarro, Spanish captain and conqueror of Peru, make exciting reading. The hardships of the first two expeditions to Peru occupied ten years of Pizarro's life. They were years of extraordinary suffering. His almost super-human resistance, his invincible will, his splendid courage had until then given only very meager results. The first expedition composed of almost 200 men had to return without reaching Peru. In spite of the fact that twenty-five per cent of the men had died, a new expedition was dispatched in the year 1526. Once again began the fight with adversity. The adventurers faced death by hunger, by sickness, by storm. The heat of the desert, then stinking swamps and jungles, were followed by the bitter cold of mountain peaks. Besides all this came constant attacks of savage Indians.

The governor of Panama, exasperated by the loss of so many lives, resolved to send two ships to the island where Pizarro had his camp, with orders to return. With demonstrations of the wildest joy the two ships, well loaded with food, were received by the expeditionary force. Only one thought prevailed after satisfying the most acute pangs of hunger, that was to embark in the boats and forever abandon the accursed island. But the same vessels brought Pizarro letters from Luque and Almagro telling him not to give up hope and offering to send shortly the elements necessary in order to go forward. That was all the Spanish captain needed. One ray of hope! He prepared to gamble all in the most desperate assault imaginable. With firm and laconic accents, calculated to produce deep impression in his rude comrades, he announced his purpose.

"Pizarro drew his dagger," says a writer, "and with evident deter-

mination marked a line from east to west. Then with a gesture toward the south where he had suffered such hardship and defeat, he said, 'Friends and comrades, this is the side of death, hardships, hunger, nakedness, storms, and abandonment. The other side is that of pleasure. To the north you may go to Panama to be poor. To the south to Peru to be rich. Let every good Spaniard choose which suits him best.' Adding that as for himself, he would go to the south, he crossed the line. He was followed by Ruiz, the brave pilot, Peter of Candia, and eleven others. One of the boats immediately turned its prow toward Panama bearing the major part of the disheartened followers of the Captain. Pizarro took possession of the other boat, defying the wrath of the Governor, and set sail for Peru with only thirteen faithful volunteers. That decision changed the course of history.

We Christians are not seeking the shining silver and gleaming gold that lured Pizarro toward Peru. We are rich already. Jesus Christ, the brightest jewel of Heaven, is yours and mine. "He is mine and I am His forever." Hallelujah!

Our priceless redemption could not be secured with gold and silver. It cost the precious blood of Jesus Christ, God's Lamb. The courage we require is to share the riches we have. Will you determine to be a soul winner? You can be. God wills you to be. His Word is, "I will make you fishers of men." He says, "I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain."

IV. Results

"So they came and called unto the porter of the city ... and he called the porters ... And the king arose ... And the people went out." The famine of Samaria was suddenly converted into a festival of feasting and rejoicing. What a beautiful picture this suggests of a life, or a city just introduced to the Son of God.

"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ." Dear brother, dear sister in Christ Jesus, launch out after souls. In Jesus you have what they need. "How excellent is Thy loving kindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures" (Psa. 36:7, 8).

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WITH THE Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editor

Word comes from **EVANGELIST DEL FEHSENFELD**, 4521 Jarboe, Kansas City, Missouri, telling of 47 professions of faith in a revival in the First Baptist Church, Wynona, Oklahoma. Among those saved were the high school principal and a sixty-four year old lady. On January 18th he was to close services in a Baptist County-wide effort in Warsaw, Missouri. On the third day of the campaign, 21 young people were saved in a youth meeting. On January 25th the evangelist will be in Clarkston, Washington, and at Clarkston Youth for Christ, on the 24th. January 31st meetings will begin in the First Baptist Church, Walla Walla, Washington.

EVANGELIST CLIFTON W. BRANNON and his wife spent the Christmas holidays in Jerusalem and other countries, with speaking engagements in London, Paris, Rome, Cairo and Athens.

The Hamilton Square Baptist Church, San Francisco, California, concluded a two-week revival campaign with **EVANGELIST HOMER BRITTON**, 1905 Kirby Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee, last December 14. The pastor, Dr. Arno Q. Weniger, said that there were more first time decisions in this effort than in any previous one for many years. Among those saved were several Catholics. People came to the meetings who had never been inside a church, several despairing of life and wanting to commit suicide. Nine were baptized on the last Sunday of the campaign. One of those taking this step of obedience was a crippled grandmother past 70 years of age.

Rev. Hudson T. Armerding, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, Brockton, Massachusetts, writes a letter of praise about meetings with **EVANGELIST DONALD FORBES**, November 18 to 30. Cottage prayer meetings were conducted for a six-week period before the campaign, and an extensive publicity campaign was held. A total of forty-eight decisions were registered during the two weeks, and plans were made to hold a class of instruction for those boys and girls who came forward.

Thirty-eight confessions of faith were recorded in a three-week campaign with **EVANGELIST BOB OUGHTON**, Belleville, Illinois, in the South Side Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois. Rev. Melvin J. Meister, pastor, says,

"... His hard-hitting, fiery messages fearlessly presented from the Word of God, and his preaching against sin were used of God in our meetings."

We rejoice to hear of a revival in Troy, North Carolina, at the Presbyterian Church, led by **EVANGELIST NED IVERSON** of Augusta, Georgia, October 12-19. There were 338 first decisions for Christ (not rededications) and among them were those of two town drunks. Rev. R. G. Balnick is the new pastor of the church. During the month of September, the deacons conducted six cottage prayer meetings weekly, and for one week there were daily radio broadcasts.

From **EVANGELIST BILL PIPER**, 122 Bradley Boulevard, Greenville, South Carolina, comes a fine letter telling of the results in his seventeen, 1952 evangelistic campaigns. Brother Piper preached a total of 455 times during his campaigns and recorded 835 professions of faith. Other decisions included 298 established family altars, and 2,750 rededications, making a total of 3,883 registered decisions. The evangelist conducted 60 extra meetings and 66 radio broadcasts. He says, "... I want to praise God for His grace and power manifested throughout the year. I am looking ahead and trusting God for a more fruitful year in 1953. ..."

Last November, **EVANGELIST MILLARD BOX**, Longview, Texas, held a revival in the First Baptist Church, Nicoma Park, Oklahoma. Pastor Boen Hallum says, "... It was one of the outstanding events in the history of our church. There were 21 additions to the church by baptism and by letter... Sunday School and Training Union attendance records were broken. ..."

Pastor C. O. Bigbie of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, First Baptist Church, writes as follows: "I wish to report something of the successful revival held for us by **EVANGELIST L. E. STITH** of 429 North Chapman, Shawnee, Oklahoma. Brother Stith came to us October 1, and continued through October 12. 25 converts joined our church by baptism, 23 by letter, 1 was saved who did not join, 22 were reclaimed and 4 surrendered for special service. Two of the latter were Cherokee Indian boys who are thinking of entering the ministry. ..."

The Language of Heaven

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the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the

earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever." What language is used?

Let us read John 13:34, 35: "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." The manner and measure of our love for each other is to be as the love of Jesus for us.

Love, the Sign of Recognition

When Jesus got ready to choose a sign of recognition for His followers, He carved it not out of costly woods, neither precious stones, but in love one for another. He gave it not in gold, nor silver, but love one for another. Yet, how many Christians, churches, or denominations do you know who are characterized by love one for another?

Look at these precious Scriptures:

Echoes of Denver Conference

The Sword of the Lord conference on revival and soul winning, held in Denver, November 9 to 16, at Beth-Eden Baptist Church, had many blessed results.

In the Baptist *Missionary Evangelist* of Colorado, is the following article by Pastor Ed Nelson of the Hoffman Heights Baptist Church in Denver which will be of interest. The article was entitled, "Successful Sword Conference."

"The Sword of the Lord Conference on Evangelism and Soul Winning proved to be a great blessing to many pastors and laymen. Conducted during the week, November 9-16, the conference featured Dr. John R. Rice, Editor of *The Sword of the Lord*; Dr. D. A. McCall, Minister of Revival Promotion for the Sword Foundation; and Dr. Lee Roberson, Pastor of the Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

"Pastors and Christian leaders from more than nine states attended the conference. Dr. Rice and Dr. McCall challenged the conference with messages on prayer, soul winning, and revival. An especially high note was reached under the ministry of Dr. Lee Roberson, not only in his morning and evening messages, but in his afternoon discussions on an evangelistic program in the local church.

"Rev. Donald Kathan conducted a partial spot check of Baptist churches in the Denver area and learned the following results were realized the Sunday following the conference. One church had two rededications, two saved, and two additions to the church; another reported a great movement of re-consecration of the membership as well as a number of conversions; another church reported the best Sunday the church had ever known; still another had eleven additions to the church; and several told how their services had realized new power and blessing.

"Following are the testimonies of several who received blessing from the Conference.

"Only the Lord can know fully what this Conference has meant to me. I was born and reared in Colorado and have never known anything to compare with this Spirit-filled zeal that was demonstrated to us. It is my hope that these men realized the dearth of this sort of training here and will be willing to hold another such conference next year."

"Rev. Arthur Bigelow
"The Sword of the Lord Conference challenged me as I have never been challenged before. I sincerely hope we will have similar conferences at least once a year in this area."

"Rev. Charles Clough
"I believe that the Sword of the Lord Conferences with the balanced ministry of Dr. Rice, in evangelism, Dr. McCall in promotion, and Dr. Roberson in church building has provided the impetus for a new era in Beth-Eden."

"Rev. Sam Bradford
"The Sword of the Lord Conference was one of the outstanding blessings of my life. I praise the Lord that it came early in my ministry. The challenge to win souls as an individual and as a church was of the greatest value to me. Every message added to the force of the challenge and contained extremely practical Bible-based information as to how to get the job done. I have witnessed in my life and the life of our church the blessings of God

"If ye love me, keep my commandments. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me; and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him."—John 14:15, 21, 23.

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."—Rom. 5:8.

"For God so loved the world,

Noteworthy NEWS Notes

World Congress on Evangelism Approved at YFC Meeting

Fifty missionary leaders, pastors and laymen gathered in Chicago December 18 for a day-long session concerning world evangelization and the coming sixth World Congress on Evangelism at Tokyo, Japan, next August. The gathered group wholeheartedly approved the proposed Congress. Full support was given by Dr. David E. Johnson for The Evangelical Alliance Mission, Mr. A. G. Ball of the World Gospel Crusade, and Dr. Alfred Kunz for the Pocket Testament League. TEAM promised the use of many of their missionaries, and the other groups will give Gospel portions for use during the Congress. Dr. Robert A. Cook directed the conference and was assisted by Rev. Hubert Mitchell and Mr. Ted W. Engstrom.

Ted Engstrom Back from Month Long Trip Through Orient for Y. F. C.

"The most prepared harvest field in the world."

That was the main impression brought back by Ted. W. Engstrom of Chicago, executive director of Youth for Christ International, from a month long tour of the Orient in November and December.

Engstrom spent most of his time in Tokyo arranging details of the Sixth World Congress on Evangelism to be held there next August 9-16. Further details on this will be announced later.

"Missionaries and Youth for Christ leaders everywhere," Engstrom said on his arrival back in Chicago, "are thrilled at the tremendous opportunities now available. But they realize their time may be short and they are going all out to get the job done."

In Formosa, Engstrom found that 44,700 converts are enlisted in a thorough follow up program. An unusual "chain reaction system" has resulted in the Formosa natives and Nationalist soldiers leading no less than 32,000 of their peoples to Christ. Engstrom personally met one Nationalist soldier who had led 36 of his soldier buddies and family to a personal faith in Christ.

On Okinawa, Robert Shelton is going full-time to handle the rallies there. David E. Morken, director of Youth for Christ work in the Far East and Engstrom's host, recently was in Korea to complete plans for further rallies there.

Christianity, Engstrom found, is as a result of a more complete yieldedness to the Holy Spirit through the Conference.

"Rev. Lester Farrington
"The Sword of the Lord Conference was one of the greatest experiences of my life and made one of the greatest contributions to my spiritual life and service. God has been more real to me; His Word has been sweeter than ever. Even the fellowship of God's people has been richer. I am certain that, as a minister of the Gospel, I will know His presence manifested by His blessings on my ministry in the salvation of souls. I will never be the same again. I am looking forward to the next year and the return of Sword of the Lord team."

"Rev. Eugene Ferrin"

that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—John 3:16.

"For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

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having a real effect against Communism, he was told by Roy Robertson, head of Navigator work in the Orient, that "the closer you get to Communism the greater is the effectiveness of the Gospel message. This has been proved by the conversion of hundreds upon hundreds of Prisoners of War."

Engstrom also spent several days in Alaska, the Philippines and Hawaii on his trip. In Honolulu he spent three days with Billy Graham, Bob Pierce and Grady Wilson, at that time on their way to Japan and Korea to spend Christmas with the servicemen and UN forces.

YFC Leaders Meet for Conference in Toronto

On this publication day, fifty Youth for Christ leaders are meeting in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, for the combined World Vision rallies and executive council sessions, in the 9,000-seat coliseum. President Robert A. Cook is the main speaker during the ten days of meeting. Host director, Johnny Ambrose of Toronto Youth for Christ coordinated the conference details, which closes January 26.

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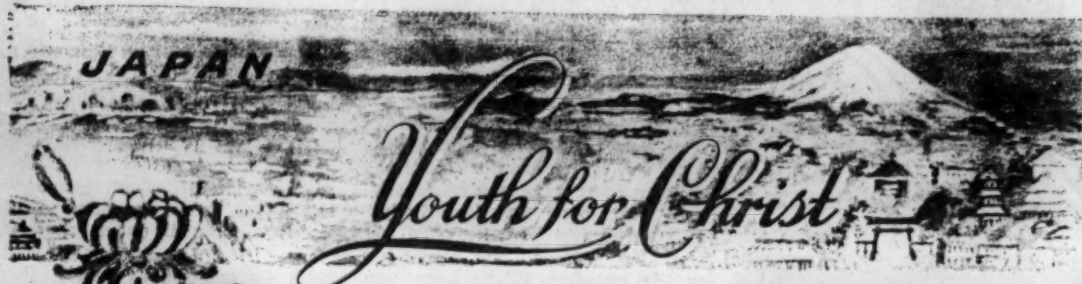
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Youth For Christ Requests One Million Copies "What Must I Do To Be Saved" For Japan. (See article page 1.)



Nov. 24, 1952

Dr. John R. Rice
214 W. Wesley Street
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Dear Dr. Rice:

On behalf of the entire Japan Youth for Christ staff, I wish to gratefully thank you and your organization for the tremendous job you have done here in Japan through the medium of the printed page in evangelism. We feel God Almighty has raised you up especially for such a time as this. We also feel that the greatest days of solid evangelism are yet ahead. A veteran missionary said: "Before they would ask us about America, it's customs, the English language, Democracy...now they're asking 'who is the true God, is the Bible true, is Jesus the son of God?'"

As you know, YOUTH FOR CHRIST INTERNATIONAL is co-operation with most evangelical missionary societies is having it's 6th WORLD CONGRESS ON EVANGELISM in Japan in August, 1953. Mr. Ted Engstrom, executive director of Y.F.C.I. is in Japan laying groundwork for this congress. Meeting together with the Japan Youth for Christ, the following recommendation was passed: That Mr. Ted Engstrom lay before you the challenge of printing one million of your tracts "WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED" with a special World Congress edition. These tracts will be given out personally to seekers after a definite gospel message and invitation. In the back will be a leaf introducing the Youth for Christ-Navigators follow-up Bible Correspondence course, with a decision slip which they can fill in and mail to the follow-up office. The office then will send you reports of decisions made and their progress at your request.

We feel that since the language barrier will be one of the greatest problem during this congress, as well as the months following when 40-50 teams will fan out over Japan, this powerful tract will be a real answer to the situation.

May God continue to bless and enlarge and prosper your ministry for Him.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

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"... the word of the Lord... Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."—Zech. 4:6

By Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall
Minister of Revival Promotion,
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I. How They Stand

We are always interested in "where we stand." Well, here are the comparative standings in contributions to the Building Fund:

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Thank you very much! May God bless you! Now let's lift our state or country toward the top for the work of Christ! Doxology!

II. He Helps By Prayer and Gift

Great men have vision. They are generous. One of the finest things said about Jesus: "He went about doing good" (Acts 10:38). Great men and great women

seize opportunities for "doing good." Such an one writes below:

December 13, 1952

"Dr. John R. Rice:

"So you are building for your love work for the Lord. Do you remember the fishermen who were trying to get their boat launched from the beach: and they could not move it? One of them said, 'If we could only get one pound more we could do it.' A small boy standing by watching them said, 'I can give a pound.' He gave his pound and the boat slid off.

"I am watching your work with interest and prayer. I can only give a pound; but I trust that it will help slide off the old boat of salvation into the sea of soul-winning.

"May the Lord give you great encouragement, dear Brother, by supplying all your needs. Remember Philippians 4:19 is still in the Book.

"With our love,

"Yours in Best of Bonds,

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I did like the deacon and set out to let him know as much. One day at his place of business, he said, "Preacher, I have been wanting to see you." Here it was about to come off, so I thought. Well, it seemed we had as well have it out; and as good Christians try to put the pieces back together after it was all over, so I said truly, "I am glad to see you." At once he said, "I want to resign as Sunday School teacher and deacon." I knew then he did not like the new preacher—but still felt we together should make the best of it; so I asked, "Would you mind telling me why you want to resign as deacon and Sunday School teacher?" "Not at all," said he, "I have got to go into bankruptcy."

My "feathers fell." There I had been misjudging one of the best men I ever knew. Again I said some things to myself I needed to hear! Then I asked, "Would you mind telling me why you must go into bankruptcy? Is your business all right morally and legally?" He straightened up and with a manly flash said, "Yes, sir! My business is straight. I simply have not been able to come back from the depression. It seems I must go into bankruptcy."

I will tell you what I told him, without apology, then and now. Said I, "If your business is all right—and I believe it on your word—I will never vote for your resignation as a deacon and Sunday School teacher."

As for myself, away with fair-weather friends! If they cannot be my friends when I am down, I care not for so-called friends only when I am up. Thank God for Mary, the mother of Jesus, the wife of Cleophas, and others with John, who stood by Jesus while He was dying.

"Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!"—John 19:25, 26.

I saw to it that some good business heard of our brother's plight. Instead of being glad a competitor was falling, they gathered around him. They counselled with him, advising him to give up

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True or False?

- ☐ The church was founded at Pentecost.
- ☐ John the Baptist preached the gospel of the Kingdom for Jews only; Paul preached a new gospel of grace for all.
- ☐ A Christian's sinful nature is not completely eradicated until Jesus comes.
- ☐ God gave men the thoughts of Scripture, not the very words, so necessarily there are a few slight errors.
- ☐ The Holy Spirit will not go with you if you go into a place of sin.
- ☐ A born-again child of God can never lose his salvation.

Dr. John R. Rice, in his book, Twelve Tremendous Themes, says the right answers are as follows: False, False, True, False, False, True. Did you miss any of them? Or were you in doubt? Then you ought to get the book.



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The Language of Heaven

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Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."—I John 3:11-16.

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth

God love his brother also."—I John 4:7-21.

"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God; and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."—I John 5:1-4.

What a galaxy of inspiring Scriptures! And all hammering away at one thing!

This thing Jesus speaks about works. It is the most practical thing in the world.

"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."—John 13:34, 35.

An illustration: I went to a field as pastor and found a great church in the aftermath of tragic strife and division. One after another told me they were to blame, thus further suggesting the great spirit that really characterized them. Lest I forget it later, allow me to say that I saw that great church so welded in harmony and love that if there was one case of breach of fellowship, I did not know of it. Well, there was a deacon in the church, who, by the way he looked, gave me the idea he just did not like the new preacher. Maybe he didn't. I couldn't blame him—for at times I do not like myself. Occasionally I stand myself up beside the wall and say things to myself I would not readily take from another. You do not amount to much unless you treat yourself the same way.

Methodist Minister Is Member of Communist Party, Declares Witness

One Methodist Voice, published in Clayton, Ga., has brought to light in its September issue the fact that Louis F. Budenz, under oath, swore that Harry F. Ward was a member of the Communist Party.

The September, 1952 issue of the One Methodist Voice reported:

"The Reverend Harry F. Ward, member of the Rock River Conference, the Methodist Church; father of the Social Creed in the Methodist Discipline; leading founder and guiding light of the Methodist Federation For Social Action has been named a member of the Communist Party by the sworn testimony of Louis F. Budenz, a former big wig Communist in his appearance before a U.S. Senate Committee.

"Louis F. Budenz, a former high ranking Communist, under oath before a sub-committee of the Committee On the Judiciary, United States Senate, in the fall of 1951 testified of Dr. Ward's Communist affiliations. Col. Robert Morris, special council for the committee asked the question: 'Mr. Budenz, did you know Harry F. Ward to be a member of the Communist Party?' Mr. Budenz replied, 'Yes, sir. I knew Dr. Ward very well and over a great number

of years.' Mr. Morris then asked this question of Mr. Budenz, 'Would you tell us the circumstances that enabled you to conclude that he (Dr. Ward) was a member of the Communist Party?' Mr. Budenz replied, 'Dr. Ward has been active in a great number of Communist fronts, including The American League for Peace and Democracy. As a matter of fact, he was head of that organization. In that connection, and also in connection with many other activities of Dr. Ward, he was—I won't say frequently, but not infrequently, a visitor to the national headquarters of the Communist Party, consulting with members of the Politburo, sometimes in my presence. I also know from conversation with Dr. Ward personally of his Communist affiliation.'

"This one and same Dr. Harry F. Ward is a Methodist preacher in good standing TODAY. Bishop Herbert Welch in the Christian Advocate of June 22, 1950 has this to say of Dr. Ward's powerful influence in the Methodist Church: 'We were asked (that is Federationists in the general conference) to assist them in framing recommendations, and it was in that way, chiefly through the skilled participation of Harry Ward that the 'Social Creed' of the Church was first written. It was adopted by the general conference and soon after by the new Federal Council of Churches.'

—Christian Beacon

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part of his business, retaining part of his business. Today he is a successful businessman. He did not resign from Christian service. He has a fine Christian family and is one of the best of friends to this preacher.

Christianity works! The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is the most practical thing on this earth today. The tragedy is, too many of the professed people of Christ have not really tried it.

What is the language of Heaven? Some might think Hebrew, the language of the Old Testament, the language of patriarchs and prophets, to be the language of Heaven. I think not.

Others might think the language of Heaven to be Greek, that most expressive language, the universal language when Christ came in the flesh. I think not.

Still others would cry out that surely the language of Heaven is English, our own mother tongue. I have read magazine articles predicting English would become the one world language. From experience, I know around the world, as long as you follow the main avenues of travel, whether in Cairo, Marseilles, Jerusalem, Bombay, Shanghai, Rio, Buenos Aires, Antioch, Barranquilla, or elsewhere, one will rather readily find speakers of English. I know at the same time if one swerves a few blocks to the right or left, he will be among a people speaking to him a strange language. As long as selfishness dominates men, we will have no one world language on this earth.

"And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the

language of all the earth: and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth."—Gen. 11:1-9. I do not think English to be the language of Heaven.

You now may be ready to urge us on with the question, "Well, What IS the language of Heaven?"

Love Is a Language

I am daring to say that LOVE may be the language of Heaven. Immediately someone asks, "But is love a language?" Turning to the dictionary, I find language to be "any means or method of conveying or communicating ideas." And I am sure that love fulfills every requirement of that definition at every step of the way. Let us remember that languages are not always verbally delivered or organized. The cry of a baby is a language known and understood by mothers the world around. Let one shake his fist in the face of another, backing it with a scowl on his own face, and he is speaking a language known and understood around the world. Business is about to pick up. Somebody is about to be whipped. Somebody had better be able to "back it up." A hen's cackle means the same thing around the world. It says we are fixing to have bacon and eggs, provided we have the bacon. Boy Scouts have their sign language, as the Indians had theirs. The military of this country have their signs and emblems—all meaningful to those who know and understand.

I further dare to say that in love, which I am pleased to call the language of Heaven, one may say in one moment of time more than may finally be said in any and all of the twenty-seven hundred combined languages of this earth.

Let me illustrate. A school teacher who loves teaching, who loves boys and girls, who revels in growth and learning and development in Christian character; a country doctor going miles and after midnight to see a suffering patient; or, a minister, before day-break, standing beside the dying—each is speaking, without a spoken word, this language I am pleased to call the language of Heaven. May I ask when have you ever heard or read adequate praise spoken or written about such loving service?

Again, a mother bends over her baby, meeting his needs, as only a mother can. That baby already knows there is a relationship between him and the form hovering above that does not exist between him and anyone else. That mother delivers no verbal dissertation upon the love of a mother for a baby. But in the tenderness of her touch,



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in every loving caress, and in the constancy of her care, she in one moment of time is saying more of the love of a mother for a baby than you have ever read in the finest book apart from the Bible, and more than the finest orator might picture in an hour of time. Oh, yes, love is a language, if language is "any means or method of conveying or communicating ideas."

A patriotic celebration is taking place. Orators have received meager rounds of applause as they have declared their love for "Old Glory," as they have stated their patriotism and love for country. They are about ready to dismiss for "dinner on the ground." The master of ceremonies has noted all the morning a veteran of the last war standing on crutches and a lower limb, the other limb missing. Quick to sense a dramatic situation, he asks the veteran to come to the platform. This the veteran hesitantly does. With briefest greeting they speak. Then the veteran hobbles to the corner of the platform where the flag majestically drapes itself about the flagstaff. As tenderly as a man might, he reaches over, catches by the tip the flag, raises it to his

lips, kisses it, turns it loose, and it again drapes itself about the flagstaff. There arises from thousands of lips such cheering as all the orators of all the morning have not received. Why? They were just talking about their patriotism. This veteran has delivered no verbal declaration of patriotism. His body "speaks his piece." It says he put his body between the enemy and home saying, "Only over my dead body." He offered his life, he shed his blood, he suffered, he sacrificed for his country. When have you heard oral language properly describe that sort of patriotism? Again I say, Love is a language. It says more than any or all of the combined languages of this earth!

That very thing is illustrated in the great fifth chapter of Revelation. They are looking for one worthy to take the book and break the seals. They have to pass by angel and arch-angel, patriarch and prophet, cherubim and seraphim. Finally, they look upon One who has not said a word so far as the record goes. His name is Jesus. Yet they look upon Him and begin to sing and say,

"...Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth."—Rev. 5:9, 10. In His body He speaks the language of Heaven. On His countenance He speaks the language of Heaven. In His life He speaks the language of Heaven.

Yes, love is a language. I gladly call it the language of Heaven.

Love Speaks Queerly

If love is a language, how does it speak? It speaks queerly to folks who are not in love. The Word of God says of it:

"Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunt-

eth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Love never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith,

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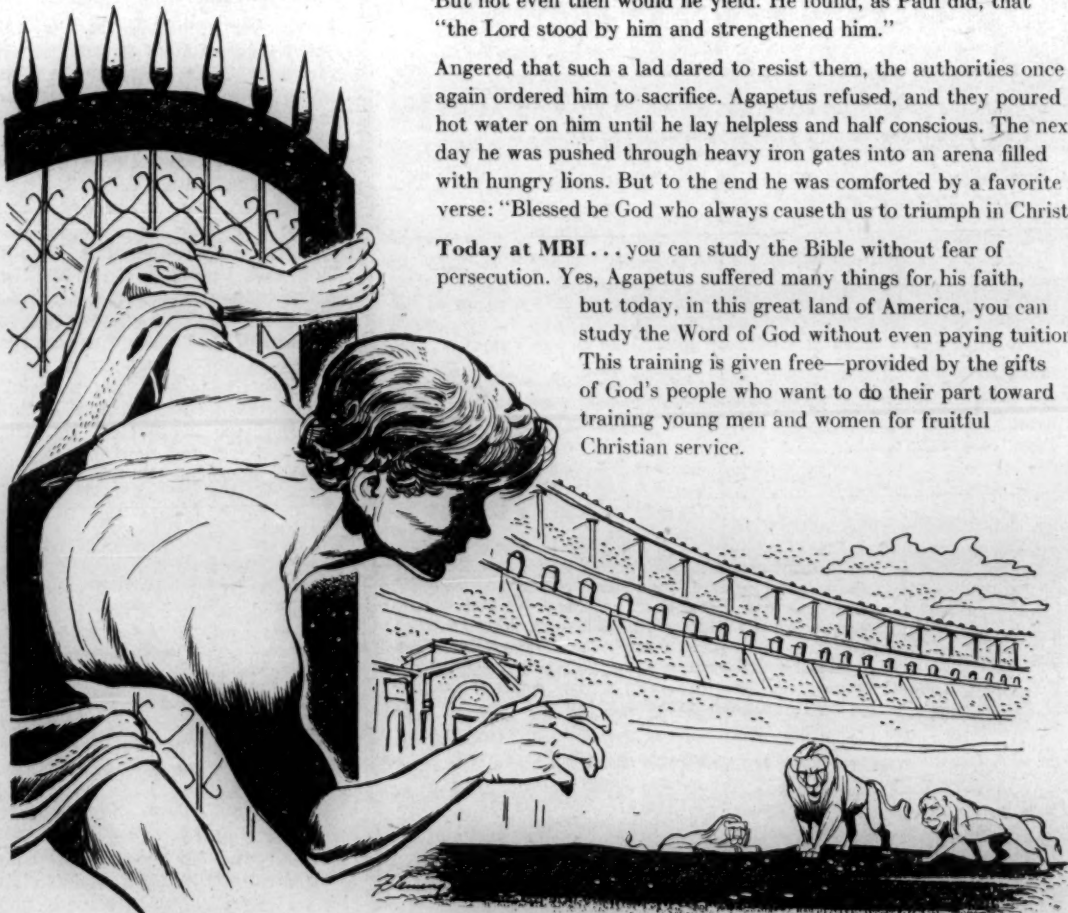
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hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love."—I Cor. 13:4-13.

Jesus used a similar analogy in this field as seen in Matthew 9: 10-15:

"And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners? But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Then came to him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not? And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast."

Did you ever note a young couple in love? Of course you have. They like to be together. They sometimes hold hands. They try to please one another. They look at one another in that "soulful, mournful, come hither" way. They tell me young people have changed. I do not believe it. Now, as in the days of yore, they go around not three by three, nor five by five, but two by two. Some having gotten away from those sweetheart days, look at them and say sophomorically, "Ain't they silly!" They are not one whit more silly than you and I were when we were at that stage. We had as well be honest and admit it.

I have always really put my heart into anything I tried to do.

I will never forget my last year at the university. I played varsity football and basketball; stood twenty-one examinations; worked my way in the university store; did Y.M.C.A. work; did literary society work; preached every Sunday, and courted nearly every night. It paid—I got her, the one to whom this book is dedicated. Many students thought it queer that we were together so much. Not queer at all. I was dead in love with her. She gave me pretty good reason to believe she reciprocated.

Oh, the world thinks it queer that Abraham loved God so much he would offer his only son in sacrifice at the word of God. The world does not love as Abraham loved (Gen. 22).

The disciples were so filled with love for Jesus and the power of the Spirit on Pentecost, they were accused of being drunk (Acts 2:13)—maybe intoxicated with very love for Jesus. The world does not love Him as they loved Him, so these lovers acted queerly in their sight.

Paul is so in love with Jesus; as he tells of meeting Jesus, a Roman governor accuses Paul of madness (Acts 26:24). No! Paul is not mad—but desperately in love with Jesus. He loved Jesus so much that hardship and suffering did not stop him witnessing and working for Jesus.

"I say again, Let no man think me a fool; if otherwise, yet as a fool receive me, that I may boast myself a little. That which I speak, I speak it not after the Lord, but as it were foolishly, in this confidence of boasting. Seeing that many glory after the flesh, I will glory also. For ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye yourselves are wise. For ye suffer, if a man bring you into bondage, if a man de-

vour you, if a man take of you, if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face. I speak as concerning reproach, as though we had been weak. Howbeit wheresoever any is bold, (I speak foolishly,) I am bold also. Are they Hebrews, so am I. Are they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I. Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool.) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not? If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not. In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascus with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me: And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands."—II Cor. 11:16-33.

Look at what love and faith caused heroes and heroines to do:

"And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought right-

eousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect."—Heb. 11:32-40.

Yes, they acted queerly to those not in love with Jesus. Thank God, multitudes who love Him understand why they acted as they did.

Cold, carnal Christians (if they are Christians) say, "Don't get excited about it." God's Word by deed and word teaches us to get stirred up, get excited about things Christian.

Love Speaks in Action

How does love speak? It speaks in action! The Word of God says so. Jesus says as much:

"If ye love me keep my commandments. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him."—John 14:15,21,23.

Jesus emphasizes that relationship with Him is primarily "hearing the word of God and doing it."

"Then came to him his mother and his brethren, and could not come at him for the press. And it was told him by certain which said, Thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to see thee. And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it."—Luke 8:19-21.

"Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life."—John 6:29, 35, 40, 47. Here we see that the work of God is to believe on Christ, and the will of God is to believe on Christ! It is not talking about Jesus, nor arguing about Jesus, nor quoting Scripture, but accepting the Lord Jesus Christ. Love speaks in action!

We are admonished, "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."—I John 3:18.

God loved a lost world and He headed that way.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—John 3:16.

"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."—II Cor. 9:15.

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."—Matt. 7:21-23.

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his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit. O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."—Matt. 12:33-37.

You may tell if you love a lost world. Are you headed that way—to the lost man across the street, or to the lost around the world? You may tell if you love the Word of God. Are you headed that way? You may tell if you love His church. Are you headed that way?

Love sends "her" flowers. It does not merely take her by the garden where she may smell them. Love sends candy. It does not merely take her to the store to admire the pretty boxes. Love does something about it!

About the oldest story I know illustrates this point. Back in the horse-and-buggy days, in a section of a state, people had never seen a two-story building. Many did not believe it could be done. But word got out that a crossroads storekeeper had erected a two-story building. A gala day was to mark the opening. People were coming from miles around. A boy made a date with his very best girl. He was driving her in the buggy to see this sight. As the "tall skyscraper" came into view, they were awestruck. Coming down the one road that ran through the village, they stopped across the road from the building. He dropped the lines on the dash,

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Free Literature Program

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Do to Be Saved?," in a special edition for this World Congress, and to be used by forty or fifty teams over the whole of Japan.

Under God, and after serious heart-searching and prayer, I feel we must accept this challenge, and must raise the money, God willing, for this great effort to win souls in Japan.

By God's help and the help of His people, we have already paid for 1,700,000 copies of the booklet, *"What Must I Do to Be Saved?"*, and these have been printed and distributed and thousands of people have been saved through them. Missionaries have complained that the demand was so great, that they usually reserved this booklet for people who were already inquirers, either those wanting to be saved or those who had already made a definite decision to take Christ as Saviour. They could not supply the demand, because we were limited in the funds we could supply.

Meantime, we are sending \$2,000 for the immediate needs of getting out *"What Must I Do to Be Saved?"* and if God's people will stand by us, we will undertake to raise the money for a special one-million-copy edition for that World Congress and the missionaries who co-operate with it.

SWORD readers will remember, we trust, that missionaries from eight or ten foreign missionary societies have united in this free literature work, and that their representative and ours who sees after the printing and distribution of the literature to the various missionaries is Missionary Kenneth G. McVety, and the publishing organization representing all these missionaries, and acting for THE SWORD OF THE LORD is the *Word of Life Press*. The work is handled with good business methods, the printing is well done, and the price reasonable. Every evangelical, sound missionary who wishes to help distribute the booklets is asked to help. May God help us to get the Gospel in print in the hands of every Japanese person who will read it!

Missionary Committee in Portugal Requests Half Million Copies, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?"

Since October we have been holding a letter from the veteran missionary, John J. Oliveira, which we want to share with THE SWORD now.

We did not then have the money (and do not have much of it now), and we were overwhelmed with burdens that had to be attended to. Now we have taken up the matter with a great deal of prayer and feel in our hearts that God will help us to raise the money to print the 500,000 copies (one-half million) requested of the booklet, *"What Must I Do to Be Saved?"*, in the Portuguese language.

Here is Brother Oliveira's letter.

"My dear Dr. Rice:

"It gives me great joy to report to you the far-reaching distribution of your fine booklet, *'What Must I Do to Be Saved?'* The Word of Life publication committee left the distribution of the booklet to me, and in our last meeting I was charged by the committee to report to you.

"The issue was one hundred thousand. It was sent to the following places overseas, our colonial empire: Guinea, 1,500; Cabo Verde, 5,000; S. Tomé, 500; Enhanere, 2,000; Beira, 2,500; Angola, 7,000; Luanda, 1,000; Angola, different places, 7,000; Congo, 1,000; Mossamedes, 500; Nova Lisboa, Angola, 5,000; Acores, 3,000; Madeira, 2,000; Guinea, 1,500; Lisbon, 25,000; Coimbra, 2,000; Porto, 4,250; Leixoes, 250; Viseu, 250; Guarda, 250; Tondela, 250; Pombal, 250; Leiria, 16,000; Tomar, 500; Lisboa, 750; Setubal, 500; Marinha Grande, 1,000; Cassia, 500; Chanca, 250; Aveiro, 1,000; Que-luz, 1,500; Portalegre, 1,000; Beja, 2,000; Oliveira, 3,000.

"This distribution covered every mission of any and of all churches and denominations.

We did not leave out anyone. Of course, the demand is great and very easily we could use one million copies. Everyone praises the booklet.

"So far as it goes, we are placing *'What Must I Do to Be Saved?'* in a Gospel. One completes the other. It might be of interest to you to know that upon my retirement as missionary of the CBFMS, I took upon myself to place at least one Gospel in every home under the Portuguese flag. The World Gospel Crusade, through the one penny a meal banks, is financing this enterprise. It is amazing to see the number of doors that are opening in Portugal through this propaganda. The Word, said the Lord—'My word shall not return unto me void.' The demand to have your booklet to accompany the Gospels is grand. Could we have right away half a million? Yes, I mean HALF A MILLION.

"In Tomar the distribution of the Scripture and your pamphlet created a big stir. The church there offered to give one thousand dollars to anyone who might prove our books to be false. A supposedly-learned priest took up the challenge; but after the fourth round, he gave up in despair and called quits. In Roman Catholic lands the refrain of the priests is to say that our Bible is false. The stir in Tomar is spreading. In Marinha Grande the revival is spreading. A mighty movement is going on.

"Our seminary in Leiria is finishing a large building to house the ever-increasing number of God-called preachers. Rev. Sam Faircloth has just told me that another building shall have to be erected. The gracious Lord is blessing our land. Glory to His great name! Can we hope to get that half a million more of *'What Must I Do to Be Saved?'* May the Lord say so.

"Yours to serve,"

(Signed) John J. Oliveira

You see how carefully the work is done, how many missions and churches and denominations were reached and how eagerly the booklets are being read in that Catholic country.

Will you help us to raise the money and have the Gospel message printed and distributed, while the doors are open and while godly missionaries are committed to help us and distribute the booklets along with the Gospel of John and personal working and preaching?

Here is my letter to Missionary Oliveira.

"Dear Brother Oliveira:

"You wrote me September 26, asking me to prayerfully consider whether the Sword of the Lord Free Literature Fund could furnish means for the printing of a half-million copies of my booklet, *'What Must I Do to Be Saved?'* in your Portuguese translation. I have had the matter under prayerful consideration. Now I am appealing to THE SWORD OF THE LORD readers to help us publish that half-million copies of the booklet which you request. I believe they will help us.

"Meantime, we are ready to send \$1,500, and we will undertake to raise the rest of the money, God willing, to pay for a half million copies of *'What Must I Do to Be Saved?'*

"Please say exactly where we shall send the money, give me the best quantity price you can find on the large printing you need, and we will go further as God leads and puts it on the hearts of His people to help.

"In the Saviour's name, yours,"

John R. Rice

Sad News; Supply of SWORD Literature in Three Languages in India Exhausted

November 4, missionary Rev. Joe Weatherly, Director of the India-Ceylon Youth For Christ and a representative of our inter-mission committee in India wrote me as follows:

and together they were all athrill and filled with questions. "My, it is high up!" "How in the world did they slip that second story up on that first story?"

The proprietor, just to make the day a complete success, had imported a brand new popcorn popper and peanut parcher. The fragrance and aroma of all that drifted across the street and fell against the young lady's olfactory nerve. (I think that is the right one.) Her nose and lip twitched.

He noted it and said, "Do you like that?"

"I sure do," she replied.

He gathered up the lines, drove down the road, made a complete turn, and came back as closely as he could get the buggy to that popcorn popper and peanut parcher, stopped the horse, dropped the lines on the dash, and remarked manfully, "Now you can smell it better." He could have done better than that! He was a cheap

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"In six weeks we have completely exhausted the edition of your tract in Gujarati. These went to missionaries who promised to distribute them prayerfully and carefully. This means that 300,000 copies of your tract in three languages have been made available to dying people in India. If you are willing to continue supplying funds, we will continue putting them out. I believe they're doing a terrific job wherever they're being used. I cannot help but believe that there is an ever-increasing place in the work of the Gospel here in India for your material.

"Enclosed you will find two letters that came in the same mail today. They speak for themselves.

"May the Lord bless you, my dear brother.

"Yours in Christ,"

(Signed) Joe Weatherly.

Here is the editor's answer.

"Dear Brother Weatherly:

"I was deeply moved by your letter of November 4, to learn that the supply of the booklets, *'What Must I Do to Be Saved?'* in the three languages Gujarati, Hindi and Marathi have been exhausted.

"We are now ready to send \$2,000 more, and by God's grace we hope to supply money for printing as fast as these booklets can be well used, carefully given out and followed up. We enclose the check for \$2,000. Will you please tell us how many copies in the three languages this will provide, and give me some report later as to results of the booklets?

"I am deeply grateful to you, dear brother, for co-operating with us in getting out the Gospel. And I want you to know that many hundreds of readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD have a part in this great work. We pray that God will bless our united effort to win people of India to Christ.

"We expect that the inter-mission committee will help to see that all evangelical, sound missionaries have a chance to use this booklet wherever they can use them to advantage in winning souls.

"May God give you many souls this year. We will be anxious to hear from you.

"In the Saviour's name, yours,"

John R. Rice

Brother Weatherly sent along a letter from Charles Warren, the Evangelical Alliance missionary of Dharchula, via Almora, Uttar Pradesh, in which this missionary said to Brother Weatherly;

"Dear Brother Weatherly:

"Greetings in the precious name of Jesus!

"We would like you to know how much we and our national Christians have appreciated Dr. Rice's tract, *'What Must I Do to Be Saved?'*, translated into the Hindi language. We have used it in our tract distribution here on the borders of Tibet and Nepal and find it the type of tract that we want and need. Students of our Immanuel Bible

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The Language of Heaven

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skate. He could have pulled out his last Indianhead nickel saying, "This is the last nickel I have in the world. You are my best girl. I am going to buy you a bag of popcorn or peanuts; furthermore, I am going to let you decide which it shall be." He didn't do it! "Now you can smell it better," was his best because of what he was.

Love speaks in action. Love does something about it. A mine has fallen in, entombing several miners. Rescuers quickly gather. A crossroads storekeeper hears his son is one of those caught in the disaster. A mere church member might have said to two customers in the store at the time, "Do you hear that? My boy is down there. He was a good boy. I tried to be a good Daddy to him. How many pounds of salt meat do you want? What size sack flour did you say you wanted?" Church members may act like that but not Daddys. Here is the way a daddy acts: "Do you hear that? My boy is down there! I must go! You understand—you will come back!" All the while he is gently but steadily pushing them to the door. He locks the door. Away he goes to the scene of the disaster. When he gets there, he does not join the crowd of the curious. Only some church members would do that. He rushes up to a tired rescuer who has been digging away, sweat-covered; almost rudely, the daddy takes the pick from his hands, saying, "Let me relieve you. My boy is down there." That daddy begins to turn rock and dirt. He is headed in the direction of his boy. Love is speaking in action. Love is doing something about it.

Oh, that God would show us how we are just "playing church." Oh, that God would show us how we are just playing at revival! Oh, that God would show us how we are just playing at winning the lost!

Oh, that God would teach us we are not fooling anybody unless it be ourselves! We talk about the lost but do so little about them.

We talk about a lost world but are not headed that way. We talk about His Word but read everything else.

All along the way in the Word of God, Genesis through Revelation, God is headed toward the human family He has created, acting in their behalf, doing something about them.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—John 3:16.

Love led my Saviour to glory land
Into a dark world with sinful man,
To give all nations salvation's plan,
'Twas love, love, love.

'Twas love that caused Him to leave His own
And kneel in Gethsemane alone,
And cry, "My Father, Thy will be done!"
'Twas love, love, love.

'Twas love that led Him to Calvary,
To suffer the pain and agony
'Twas love that caused Him to die for me,
'Twas love, love, love.

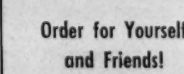
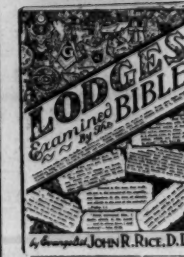
CHORUS:

Love, love, love, love,
Wonderful love so free.
Love, love, love, love,
Saved a poor sinner like me.
Love, love, love, love,
Coming from Heaven above
Love, love, love, love,
Wonderful, wonderful love.

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Free Literature Program

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Institute, Dharchula, have been very enthusiastic to use it because of the clear and simple way it presents the plan of salvation. Do accept our personal thanks for giving us this tract."

The other letter was from Dick Reilly, Post Office Box 6080, Colaba, Bombay 5, addressed to this editor, in which he said,

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"As you already know, your tract, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?', is being greatly used in this vast needy land of India with much blessing. Our Youth For Christ office here in Calcutta, vital center for Eastern India, endeavors to reach people of quite another language to the rest of India with the Gospel message.

"There are sixty million people in this province of Bengal who speak the Bengali language, and we are wondering if it will be possible to have your tract, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?', printed in Bengali to meet this great need.

"We would greatly appreciate hearing from you regarding this matter."

If God prospers this work and enables us, we should like to provide plenty of 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' in the Bengali language.

\$275 Sent for 25,000 Copies of Tract Printed in Kanarese

Rev. C. L. Frederick of the India Mission, Chitaldrug, Mysore State, South India, has been in correspondence with me along with a number of other missionaries in the Kanara District of South India. Now plans have been made and we learn that for approximately \$275, 25,000 copies of the booklet, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?', can be printed in the Kanarese language. We are forwarding that check for that amount to Brother Frederick; and we trust readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD will pray earnestly that these 25,000 copies will win thousands of souls. Will you pray?

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Above you see pictured with our friend Dr. Fred Jarvis, a blind preacher in Japan reading the booklet, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?', in the Japanese language, but printed in braille (that is embossed on large sheets so a blind man may read with his fingers) in the Japanese language.

September 26, Dr. Fred Jarvis, earnest missionary in Japan, wrote from Tokyo saying,

"Dear Brother Rice:

"My heart was touched yesterday as a blind Japanese preacher visited our home. He brought with him a copy of your tract, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?', printed in braille. I am enclosing a copy with this letter.

"He reported that Brother McVety had provided him with funds for printing 900 copies of these. He explained that there are about 100,000 blind people in Japan; 30,000 in Formosa, and 2,000 in Okinawa, and about 40,000 in Korea. He has been sending these tracts for the blind to a number of these countries. Out of 500 which he sent he told me that about twenty per cent of them were returned with signed decisions for Christ. He said that about fifty people in Japan, about thirty-five in Formosa, and fifteen in Okinawa, had made decisions for Christ. I was amazed at this wonderful response. Of course it is understandable when we

realize that these blind folk have little else to read and almost no other way of hearing the Gospel. I was sure you would be interested in this information so am passing it on to you and rejoice with you in the effectiveness of your tract in winning people to Christ.

"Brother Yasuda, the blind preacher, has requested that we pray with him about the possibility of getting at least 5,000 copies of your tract put into braille. I told him that I felt that this could be done. They would cost only about seven cents apiece, but if they can produce anything like the results of the former printing, what a blessing it would be. If this printing were to be used as effectively as the first 500, 1,000 blind folks would be won to Christ at a cost of only thirty-five cents each. That's figuring on the basis of the cost of the last ones, and in quantity the price may be a little cheaper.

"Well, Brother Rice, I am taking the liberty again of laying another challenge before you and THE SWORD OF THE LORD readers. Please pray about this need. I am sure that our blind brother would be greatly encouraged and that blind folk here in the Orient would be reached with the Gospel who might not be reached in any other way. The plan, of course, is to get these to the blind in various countries; and if the Lord so leads, we will be glad to do what we can to distribute them to these lands.

"We rejoice in the continued blessing your literature brings. May the Lord be pleased to give us millions more of your tract for various countries of the world to help reach the lost in the uttermost parts. It has been a privilege to work with you in this great task.

"Yours and His for more souls,
"Fred D. Jarvis

"P.S. Enclosed is a picture of Brother Yasuda and myself examining one of your tracts in braille."

Brother McVety has also written of the wonderful results of the 500 copies of 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' in braille.

The seven cents per copy for the braille edition is not too expensive when you consider that the braille edition is really a book, with pages approximately eight by eleven inches, forty pages, plus stiff paper binding. With dots to be read by the fingers of the blind, a much larger booklet is required than for the printed page. But since there is so little literature available for these hungry-hearted people, the results are much better with them than with most readers. After prayerful consideration, we have felt led of God to provide the money requested, \$350, for the printing of 5,000 copies of this message on salvation put into braille.

The Treasury Empty—Thousands of Dollars Needed

We have other calls that we cannot fill. Missionary workers in Italy are pleading for another printing of 100,000 copies in the Italian language. A Spanish-speaking group in Uruguay, South America, are asking for more copies. To print the one million copies edition for the World Congress on Evangelism in Tokyo, will cost, we suppose, about \$12,000, perhaps more. The half-million copies in Portugal will cost perhaps five or six thousand dollars. Other calls are coming. If we answer the calls, legitimate calls, of people who will cooperate with us fully, honorable, proven missionaries who want to do the work for us if we will furnish the means, then it will take much more.

How this world missionary vision tugs at my heart! Once, I would have gone to the foreign mission field but God would not let me go. I know now He had a work planned for me. And I thank God for it. But my heart goes out to the whole world for which Jesus died! And how I long to take the Gospel to those who are so ready to receive it in print. I feel we would sin greatly against God if we do not meet this need. I want to do my best, and I hope

Those Bad, Bad Evangelists!

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or serve a term in Bridewell. Billy Sunday would have more of a chance, but the odds would be better if he had been expelled from the National League for throwing games. It would probably be impossible for young Timothy to 'do the work of an evangelist' today, as he was urged by St. Paul. The handicap of his godly background and holy life as a young man would be too great. Now if Lois and Eunice had been on the legitimate stage, or Timothy had followed the communist party line...

"We join the angels in rejoicing over every sinner who repents and is converted. Today, as always, God is powerful to save men out of the mire of clay. But today we seem to glorify the mire rather than the Saviour. We rush to lay hands suddenly on this one and that one, setting them apart as evangelists. Our test is not their knowledge of grace; it is the attractiveness of the still-fresh mire of the world.

"Not that even today there aren't outstanding exceptions—men who possess the Spirit's gift as evangelists, whose ministry God is sealing. But a disease seems to have struck at the very roots of American evangelism.

"Today much evangelism skirts the death of Christ. The evangelist's former life and the crisis which confronts America are frequently much more clearly delineated than the work of God's Son in satisfying God's wrath against sinners. This is not to say that the evangelist's testimony or a solemn

God will lay it on the hearts of thousands of others to help.

I will not hide from readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD that we have very great needs in Wheaton. We have launched a great enlargement program. We want to raise \$250,000 within a year's time for the Sword Building Fund. But we must raise enough to pay out the Singspiration building purchased in Wheaton. Besides, there is very great need for printing machinery and equipment. Then we are paying interest on borrowed capital all the time, many thousands of dollars. It is our earnest prayer to God that He will lift this heavy burden, give us the equipment, the capital, the building, to carry on the world-wide work He has put on our hearts, and in our hands. I say we have great needs for the work in Wheaton.

But I cannot delay the appeal for this Free Literature Fund. It is mission work. Souls are dying and some of them will be in Hell in a few months, if we do not win them now. The door is wide open. For a dollar or two, with the help of loyal missionaries, we can get the Gospel to a soul and win him to Christ. We dare not wait or delay. If you feel the same way, I know you will help in the Free Literature program as well as in other necessary things for the Lord.

Will you pray and then as God leads send a gift for the Sword Free Literature Fund? We will honestly administer the money. We will make it reach as far as possible with the Gospel. We will insist on careful organization among the missionaries, frugal and careful use of the money. We will insist on getting low printing prices, and careful distribution and fair treatment of all Bible-believing missionaries who help. We will insist on reports so we will know about results. In Jesus' name, help us pray. We believe that money spent through the Sword Free Literature Fund will do more to win souls on the foreign field than nearly any other way the money can be spent.

And, of course, we have 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' in English, and some five million copies have been spread through English-speaking countries. If you want a sample copy in English, write for it.

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description of the present crisis may not be God's tool to bring conviction of sin and desire for salvation. But salvation is found only when one hears the Gospel. And it may turn out to be an ill day in the history of the Church when men with the most unsavory pasts were singled out as evangelists, rather than men who had the greatest conception of God's grace and ability to express what took place at Calvary.

"That so little evangelistic preaching is rooted in the Scriptures in a day of general ignorance of what the Bible says is a cause for not regret alone, but alarm. Frequently the Scriptures that are used are not those which indicate God's provision of salvation for the individual, but passages from the Old Testament prophets which are declared to be God's message to America. Is it possible that in aiming at Russia-hounded, atom-conscious, corruption-ridden America, the evangelist misses the little man who needs to hear the simple story that Christ died for him?

"Of course, 'decisions' are made, but how many lack a basis for faith, and are like the young woman, desperately involved in sin, who came for help after an Inter-Varsity meeting. 'Sure, I went to an evangelistic meeting once. He talked about this and that, and then at the close he asked us to raise our hands if we wanted to make a decision. I thought, 'Who wouldn't vote for a thing like that?' So I raised my hand. But there's been no change?"

"The background of the evangelist, the crisis confronting America, corruption in government: all may be legitimately used to arouse interest and concern. But there is only one message that changes men's hearts and lives: that is the wonderful story that Jesus Christ died for sinners. God give us evangelists who will spend their time telling the sweetest story ever told!"

The Editor Comments

We must make allowance for the youth and inexperience of the editor, and for the fact that his article was slanted for immature college students. I remember well the extravagance we often faced in the Baylor Lariat, edited by students. The Wheaton Record, edited by some students of Wheaton College, now and then makes profound announcements settling the difficulties of the world in a non-chalant off-hand manner. Men who never held an evangelistic service and perhaps never or rarely won a soul, tell so easily just how evangelism ought to be done, what is wrong with the churches and pastors, how the younger generation can change things and overcome the mistakes of their elders. I say all of us surely who deal with college young people are accustomed to that attitude. That attitude is catered to too much in the article quoted above. And after making due allowances, some inaccuracies, some naive opinions and some slanderous charges ought to be answered.

1. Are Most Evangelists Ex-Convicts Or Ex-Communists Or "Men With The Most Unsavory Past"?

Please note the statements quoted above.

"George Whitefield would have a hard time getting into the act (evangelism) today" says Editor Bayly, because Whitefield had not run a saloon or served a term in prison.

"Billy Sunday would have had more of a chance, but the odds would be better if he had been expelled from the National League for throwing games," we are told.

And a clean man like Timothy could not be an evangelist today, it is claimed. "It would probably be impossible for young Timothy 'to do the work of an evangelist' today," (Continued on page 10)

Dr. Bob Jones Says:

During the Christmas holidays I came to have a new appreciation of the faithfulness of many of God's children. We had so many gifts for the Student Loan Endowment Fund and missionary fund from Christians who gave sacrificially. These Christian people know the work that Bob Jones University is doing, and they have faith to believe that we are going to keep on doing the type of work we have been doing, and they have confidence in the administration and feel sure that the administration will use the money invested here carefully and prayerfully so as to do the most good possible to the most people possible. When so many of God's people give, it is in a human sense sacrificial giving. People talk about tithing, but under the present setup of our government, there are very few people who have a good income who say they tithe that really tithe. If a man has \$100,000 a year income and gives \$10,000, he is not really tithing, because Uncle Sam would get a big percentage of that \$10,000 anyhow. The folks that do not have to pay income tax, when they tithe, are really tithing. They are putting a tenth into the work of God. Some of them give more than a tenth. I sometimes think about what a wonderful thing it will be at the Judgment Seat of Christ to watch the Lord as He rewards His faithful saints, many of whom were unnoticed and unknown down here but who loved the Lord and served Him in a sacrificial sort of way.

I want to thank all of you consecrated Christian people who have very little to give but who give because you love the Lord and you who have prayed for Bob Jones University, for my son, Bob, Jr., the

president of the school, and for all his associates and you who have prayed for me and have kept me going sometimes with new strength because God heard your prayers. I think you are just wonderful. I wish I could know all of you personally and tell you just how much we love you. I want to thank you for the financial investments that you have made in the work of Bob Jones University. You have helped us not only with your material gifts, but you have blessed us, because you have reassured us and made us feel more and more that the Lord really is with us in the work we are doing here on Bob Jones University campus, which is becoming day by day, more and more a base of world-wide orthodox, evangelistic, aggressive, soul-winning testimony.

Yes, we do thank you for the financial gifts that you have made, and we hope you will remember us this year. We are not asking you to invest all the money God has given you for His service in Bob Jones University. There are other good causes, but we are asking you to let this institution, upon which the blessing of God has rested in such a wonderful way, share in the contributions you make to the Lord's work. We promise you that we will not waste your money. We will use it to train Christian leaders who will work not only in our country, but who will go to the ends of the earth to tell the story of God's love and redeeming grace. Please let us hear from you. Thank you and God bless you.

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as he was urged by St. Paul. The handicap of his godly background and holy life as a young man would be too great."

Further down in the article, it is expressly stated, "And it may turn out to be an ill day in the history of the church when men with the most unsavory pasts were singled out as evangelists, rather than men who had the greatest conception of God's grace and ability to express what took place at Calvary."

No doubt freshmen will eat that up. But it is tommyrot, it is the sorriest kind of yellow journalism. It does not even approximately represent the facts.

Suppose we grant that some convicts have been converted and called to preach. Suppose we grant that some night club singers have been converted and are now singing the Gospel. And suppose we grant that some of these are not well-trained theologically and occasionally one of them falls into serious error or sin, just as is true of any other group of Christian people.

But if we go back to the New Testament, we will find that evangelists, who were saved from terrible sin and who have a notorious past, are not something new and unique in this generation. Peter himself had been a profane fisherman, had denied Jesus Christ publicly, had cursed and sworn and quit the ministry. And do not think that no one ever told it, that Peter had cut off a man's ear and would have cut his head off had the man not dodged!

Paul was a notorious sinner, a persecutor of the church. If some of the vandals and persecutors who had been burning churches and killing missionaries and beating native Christians in Colombia were to be converted, they would have just the same kind of past that Paul the Apostle had. And that is worse than singing in a night club or having been in jail.

One man went out preaching all over Gadara and telling everyone what Christ had done for him; and it was widely rumored that he had been a maniac, possessed of a legion of devils, that he had gone about naked, scaring the wits out of people! But Jesus told him to go home and tell everybody what great things the Lord had done for him, and with this clear call to evangelism, he did a marvelous job. Those who think that it is something new for a bad sinner to be converted and to go out to win souls ought to read the Bible more and history more.

But is it true that in this age "men with the most unsavory pasts were singled out as evangelists"? Is it true that a man raised in a good home, converted in childhood, trained in Christian colleges, could not now serve as an evangelist? Is it true that Whitefield could not have been an evangelist now, and that it is doubtful if Billy Sunday had been wicked enough to get a hearing? Is it true that young Timothy would find it "probably impossible" to do the work of an evangelist today? That kind of talk is silly, in the light of the facts.

I know evangelists in America today and know them well. I report their meetings in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Literally dozens of them I encouraged to enter the field of evangelism. I know many evangelists so well that some forty or fifty of them I call by name in prayer every day, and many others I pray for from time to time.

Who are these men with vile pasts, who are the principal evangelists today? Does young Editor Bayly mean Billy Graham? Does he mean Jack Shuler? Merv Rosell? Does he mean Bob Pierce, or Eddie Martin, or E. J. Daniels, or Hyman Appleman? Does he mean Jim Mercer, or Fred Brown, or Jimmie Johnson, or Homer Britton? Does he mean Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., or Lee Roberson, or Bob Cook, or Dr. Charles E. Fuller, or Dr. Torrey Johnson? Did he mean T. W. Wilson, or my brother Bill Rice, or Bill and Elmer Piper, or Clifford Lewis, or his brother Marvin? Did he mean Brannon, or Roloff, or Wunneburger of Texas? Did he mean

Brougner, or Charlie Taylor, or Harry Anderson? Did he refer to the evangelists among southern Baptists? Did he mean those on the staff of Moody Bible Institute? Those on THE SWORD OF THE LORD staff? To ask the question is to answer it. These are the best-known, most-used orthodox evangelists doing interdenominational work.

The simple fact, easily ascertained by anybody who wants to know, is that the evangelists are ordinary sinners saved by grace, usually saved young; they are generally well-trained theologically and sound in the faith. And it is the exception, and not the rule, when these men have "an unsavory past" or when they specially play up their past sinfulness.

In my long experience and wide knowledge of hundreds of evangelists, I can only think of four who were ever in prison before they were saved and only two of them hold union revival campaigns. I say that the foolish and sophomoric talk by Editor Bayly is yellow journalism and unworthy of a Christian magazine, because it is untrue to the facts, and is in fact slanderous toward evangelists and evangelism. And I have named above the principal evangelists who hold union campaigns in America today.

It is true that some youth rallies, some pastors, have been anxious to have speakers who would draw the curious crowd. Often, perhaps too often, in some circles, the ex-convict, the converted night club singer have been invited to give their testimonies. Sometimes such speakers do wrongly glorify their sinful past. Usually such speakers, immature Christians, simply try to please those who asked them to speak. If they have no real message from God, their popularity is short, even for testimonies. But a new convert, asked to speak on a program with a personal testimony, is not an evangelist, either in the biblical sense or in the popular sense. To class such new converts as typical evangelists is naive, surely!

Perhaps our brother was present when some pastor brought in some speaker sensationally announced, and thought such a speaker was an evangelist. Perhaps he had some such speaker at an Inter-Varsity Fellowship meeting, and judged the speaker to be typically evangelistic.

That reminds me of an incident that happened in Wichita Falls, Texas, years ago. We lived in that ranch country in West Texas. My father went in thirty miles to Wichita Falls one day to meet a man from the North, and was greatly surprised to see him sitting on the steps of the St. James Hotel with a forty-five six-shooter in his lap.

"You'd better put that gun up," my father said. "You'll get arrested. Nobody carries a gun in Texas except an officer of the law."

Very reluctantly the Yankee stranger put up his gun. He had bought it expecting to defend himself from the wild cowboys. He explained to my father that he felt sure he had seen one cowboy already. He had seen a man drive one horse to a wagon out of an alley and down the street in a long trot. The man looked most disreputable, had on a white hat, and so, our friend felt sure the driver was a cowboy! My father explained that cowboys do not really shoot up towns in Texas any more, and that he had probably seen a grocer's delivery boy, not a cowboy.

Editor Joe Bayly has probably mistaken somebody else for an evangelist; and editors, even though they write mainly for college consumption, should learn to give facts accurately, should write to change lives and color their generation by the will of God, by being so exactly truthful in fact and inference that Christian people may trust them absolutely.

2. Editor Bayly in HIS Magazine Also Says, "We Rush to Lay Hands Suddenly On This One and That One, Setting Them Apart As Evangelists. Our Test Is Not Their Knowledge of Grace; It Is the Attractive-

Home Book Leads Mother to Win Daughter

The following letter from Mrs. Ernest Bayless, Sr., of Mountain Grove, Missouri, shows how the book, *THE HOME: Courtship, Marriage and Children*, by the editor, has blessed another family.

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"I have been a reader of your magazine for a long time and I think it is one of the best.

"I have read your book on *THE HOME* and thought it wonderful. The day I read your chapter on how to win children to Christ, my twelve-year-old daughter came home from school deeply under conviction. My husband and I quickly led her to the Lord. She is very happy and so are we. And thank you for the book."

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ness of the Still-Fresh Mire of the World."

I think it is true that pastors are not careful enough who they have as evangelists. Some pastors prefer the falsely sensational instead of the legitimate sensationalism of preaching against sin, declaring the judgment of God, calling people to repentance, preaching on Hell, the legitimate sensationalism of the Gospel and of the mighty power of the Holy Spirit. I have been with pastors who wanted, in announcement and advertising, to twist the truth a bit to help get crowds. I have been with pastors who cared more for the fact that I am supposed to have a physical likeness to the late Will Rogers, and like him, came from the cattle country, or to stress my cowboy background, than to stress the fact that I was God's anointed evangelist. I say that certainly it is true that pastors and youth leaders may choose men they think will be more attractive to the world and the frivolous youth, than men with the power of God and men who preach hard against sin and get the best results.

But that is overlooking and ignoring the fact that God Himself calls and empowers evangelists. All the ordaining councils in the world cannot make an evangelist of a man whom God does not call to be an evangelist. According to Ephesians 4:11, evangelists are an order in the ministry, coming after apostles and prophets, but coming before pastors and teachers in importance. This simple truth is that unless a man has a special anointing of God, he cannot succeed as an evangelist. I think of one man, pastor of a famous church, who decided to become an evangelist, but not to preach against sin, not to hurt people's feelings as the rest of us evangelists do. He didn't last six months. When he did have an engagement, he had few saved or none. And soon he got no engagements. I think of another man, famous, with great opportunities, who was a Gospel songleader, and then tried to be an evangelist. But he opposed the giving of a public invitation to accept Christ, he opposed preaching against sin and never demanded repentance, and was infected with other of the Darby heresies. He petered out as an evangelist, became a Bible teacher, and then seminary president. Men do not make an evangelist. It takes a man with a call from God, an anointing from God, and with such a fire in his bones he is willing to take the persecution and hardship that necessarily goes with successful evangelism.

For anybody to suppose that any group of men, good or bad, put Dr. Bob Jones into the work of evangelism, or Billy Graham,

or Hyman Appleman, or Jack Shuler, or Merv Rosell, or any other of the blessed and anointed and successful evangelists of the day, is foolish.

3. Our Brother Bayly Says a Shocking Thing: After Saying that Whitefield Could Not Be An Evangelist Because He Had Not Run His Father's Saloon Nor Been In Jail, and Timothy Had Too Clean and Godly a Background to Be An Evangelist, and It Was Doubtful If Even Billy Sunday Could Get In the Work Because of Criminal Record. Editor Bayly Says: "Not That Even Today There Aren't Outstanding Exceptions—Men Who Possess the Spirit's Gift As Evangelists, Whose Ministry God Is Sealing. But a Disease Seems to Have Struck at the Very Roots of American Evangelism."

Now note carefully—Editor Bayly says that men who "possess the gift as evangelists, whose ministry God is sealing" are really "outstanding exceptions." A few evangelists, he admits, are anointed of God as evangelists and are blessed of God. But these, says Editor Bayly, are really exceptions, outstanding exceptions to the rule. In other words, he thinks most evangelists are not called of the Holy Spirit and their ministry is not blessed of God. Those who do have such blessing, he says, are exceptions.

That is a slanderous charge which cannot be proven and which no man in the world has a right to make. Our brother editor ought to apologize for this thoughtless, inaccurate and slanderous statement. I have no doubt that many college freshmen will "eat it up," but if they believe it, they will be grievously misinformed.

We do not deny that occasionally an evangelist, being of the frail and fallen human race, goes wrong, just as an occasional pastor or youth leader or missionary goes wrong. But compared to the mass of Christian workers, evangelists must know more of the anointing of the Holy Spirit and the blessing of God. In fact, in a great church where Editor Bayly once served, in one year there were only four converts baptized, and I think no more public professions of faith than that. But no evangelist could stay in evangelism in orthodox churches who does not win twenty or thirty times that many in a year's time! Believe me, I know evangelists in America, and they, as a class, have far fewer who are powerless and fruitless than pastors or youth workers.

4. The HIS Magazine Editorial Complains: "Today Much Evangelism Skirts The Death of Christ. The Evangelist's Former Life and the Crisis Which Confronts America Are Frequently Much More Clearly Delineated Than the Work of God's Son in Satisfying God's Wrath Against Sinners."

But I happen to know what evangelists preach. I get their sermons for THE SWORD OF THE LORD. And I assure you that evangelists preach much more often on the death of Christ, and make much clearer salvation by grace without works, than do most pastors or other Christian workers. Where are the modernists? They are not among evangelists! We have just closed an Evangelistic Sermon Contest. I have just within the last month, checked carefully 240 sermons, most of them from evangelists in America. The most popular subject of these evangelists, in the 240 sermons we have just received, is salvation by grace through faith without works. How often it is repeated, again and again, that a moral life, or church membership, or rites of religion, or any human merit cannot pay for salvation: it must be the free gift of God's grace! The second most frequent subject is the new birth. The third most frequent subject is the Hell which awaits Christ-rejectors. And in not a single instance in the 240 evangelistic sermons, principally written by evangelists, is any doubt left that salvation is by the grace of God.

But our editor complains that evangelists give their testimony and tell what God has done for them! I am sure that some people complained also about the Gada-

rene demoniac. He was always telling what Jesus Christ had done for him; how he was possessed with an army of devils; how he had broken the hearts of his family and friends; how he seemed past all redemption until Jesus came. And Jesus had told him to go home and tell what great things the Lord had done for him. The personal testimony may not be liked by certain highbrow people but it is the plan God uses nevertheless. Go to the rescue missions of America and see how greatly God uses the testimony of people who have been redeemed from drunkenness and crime, and in winning other lost sinners. Paul the Apostle again and again told of his conversion. Personal testimony has its proper place in evangelism and it is sadly true that many people do not get other people saved because they are not greatly impressed with the marvel that they themselves have been kept out of a burning Hell by the grace of God.

Our brother complained that "our test is not their knowledge of grace; it is the attractiveness of the still-fresh mire of the world." But he has utterly misread the hearts of common people. What they want is not somebody who has a theoretical knowledge of the grace of God, but one who knows that grace in his own heart and can tell in simple words and with burning testimony what the grace of God has done for this poor sinner who speaks!

5. The HIS Magazine Editorial Says: "That So Little Evangelistic Preaching Is Rooted In the Scriptures...Is a Cause For Not Regret Alone, But Alarm. Frequently the Scriptures That Are Used Are Not Those Which Indicate God's Provision For Salvation For the Individual But Passages From the Old Testament Prophets..."

All of us believe, of course, that there needs to be more Scripture used in preaching. But if he thinks the sermons by evangelists are not Scripture-based, he needs but to read THE SWORD OF THE LORD, and check on the sermons we publish all the time by evangelists. Evangelistic preaching is more clearly based upon the Scriptures, and more of the Spirit as well as the letter of the Word of God than any other kind of preaching in America today.

But that seems not to be our brother's chief complaint. He complains that evangelists use the Scripture of the prophets, that they preach judgment on America and judgment on individuals. They warn men to "flee from the wrath to come." We fear the complaint is but an echo of the heresy of the Darbyites, the mistaken teaching of our dear brother, Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer, now in Heaven, who taught that evangelists did wrong to rebuke sin, to preach repentance, or to preach anything else but the simple plan of salvation. That position goes contrary to the experience of all great soul winners and contrary to the plain teaching of the Bible. Repentance should be preached as well as faith. Judgment should be preached as well as mercy. Hell should be preached as well as Heaven. The ruin of sin should be preached as much as the plan of redemption. So all successful evangelists know, and thus the enemies of evangelism complain.

6. Hear Another Quotation From This Youth-Level Editorial: "Of Course 'Decisions' Are Made, But How Many Lack a Basis for Faith, And Are Like the Young Woman, Des-

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Not Far From The Kingdom

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to Him. "And this," said he, "is the second commandment: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Then He brought out clearly our duties and our obligations to our fellow-men. So if you are going to take Jesus as a model of fairness and as a great teacher, before you begin to serve your fellow-men you must begin to know God. Before you begin to help those who are round about you, and succeed in helping them, you must get your inspiration from Him. The first commandment is: "The Lord our God is one Lord," and you owe a duty to Him. And when Jesus saw that this man talked with Him fairly and honestly, He turned to him saying, "Thou art not far from the kingdom of God."

But I call your attention to the fact that Jesus did not say he was in the kingdom of God. It is a possible thing to be near, and yet be out. It is a possible thing to be almost saved, and yet be far from the kingdom. It is a possible thing almost to hear the music of Heaven, and yet never know Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. And so my message has to do with those of you who because of this influence, or because of that, have been coming slowly and yet surely to the border line. "Thou art not far from the kingdom of God."

So many influences lead one to this position. But whatever the force may be—whether it is the influence of the home, or of preaching, whether it is the influence of the best friend you ever had in this world, I want to make it as plain as I can to you that there comes a time when, in addition to the mother's prayers and the minister's pleading, you must act for yourself. You must will to enter the Kingdom. You must say, "I choose Jesus Christ to be my personal Saviour."

When Mr. Moody was preaching in a great series of meetings in New England, a young man heard him night after night. He felt that he ought to be a Christian, and he came to the place where again and again his hand was lifted for prayer; and again and again he passed into the inquiry service; but he said, "Tomorrow night I will settle it," and leaving the building, he passed away from the service.

Walking out to his home at the edge of the city, he passed underneath a row of trees on the way to his house. Suddenly he stopped. The moonlight was shining way through the trees, he took his walking stick and drew a line across the pathway. Then he stepped back and looked at it. "Now," said he, "if I step over that line it means that I will surrender. If I go around that line it means that my determination is against Jesus Christ." He stood looking at the line only for a moment, and then deliberately passed over it. And it is a bit of history that the man who that night found himself near to the kingdom of God, and by an act of his will simply stepped over the line, became one of the most earnest Christians, and one of the most faithful workers for Christ. So whatever the influence may be that has brought you nearer to Christ, you never will become a Christian until you act for yourself, and say, "I will." "Thou art not far from the kingdom of God." But to be near is still to be lost.

Allow me to suggest two or three things that may have brought us near to the kingdom. First, natural temperament. While it is true that morality which is the result of personal effort cannot save, at the same time I wish to pay a tribute to morality. It is not to be despised. But on the authority of God's Word I dare to say there is not found in all the New Testament one single verse of Scripture, which, if you take it in its connection, teaches any other thing than this: That man is not saved by his own righteousness; he is not saved by his own morality, or his own good graces. But he is saved because he puts his trust in Jesus Christ, accepting Him as his Saviour, letting Him become the power and strength of his life, letting Him become the incentive to all good-

ness and greatness. Natural temperament may bring you very near. But if you are boasting of a morality attained away from Christ, let me ask you this question, Whose is the standard of morality? Possibly you may fail before my standard. If I were attempting to be saved in my own strength, I might fail before yours. There is only one standard of righteousness, and that is God's, and no man can ever know God nor can he enter into the kingdom of God, until he reaches that standard.

It is an absolutely hopeless task in your own strength. A man might as well try to lift himself by his own bootstraps as in his own strength to attain to the standard of righteousness of an infinite God. But when by faith you accept Jesus Christ; when you turn away from sin and unto Him; when you say, "From this day on I shall walk with Him"; when your life is yielded to Him so that He lives in you and works through you—then God looks at you no longer in your individual capacity, but He looks at you in Christ.

*So near, so very near to God,
Nearer I could not be,
For in the person of His Son,
I am as near as He.*

Natural temperament will never save you, but faith in Christ will.

I have an idea that very many people are brought near to the kingdom by home influence. If there were no other influence in this world that would have brought me near to Christ, it would have been the influence of my father. I saw him live an absolutely consistent life; I saw him meet reverses without complaint; I saw him bury my mother with an unflinching faith in Jesus Christ; I saw him, after having been a man of comparative wealth, come down to the plane where he faced poverty, and yet with his little children about him, he never forgot to praise God for His goodness to Him. When he died, he left me one inheritance. It was not money, it was not position. It was a New Testament, which was wrapped in a piece of paper and given to me as my part of the estate. And when I turned over the pages of this New Testament I saw verses which he had marked with his pen; I saw places on the margin where he had written his appreciation of God's promises. I saw page after page that seemed stained with his tears. Then I saw at the close of the Book his written consecration to Jesus. And if there had been no other influence in all my life, that would have brought me near to the kingdom.

There are many men with fathers as true as mine, and as great and good as mine, and they have brought them near to the kingdom, but that will not save you. "I would go on my hands and knees through the streets of this city, if I could reach my boy," said a man to me. "I would cut off my right hand if I could reach him," he said. Then he sat down on the couch by my side, dropped his face in his hands, and sobbed as if his heart would break, as he said, "I would die for him if I could keep him." There are many fathers who would die for their boys if they could save them, but the boy himself must choose. "Thou art not far from the kingdom of God." But you never will be saved until you say for yourself, "I will."

When we were in the city of Philadelphia a boy was arrested in the upper part of the city and taken to the police station. His mother, who never knew that he was living other than a good life, came down to the prison to see him. She brought the cover from the bed in his room, thinking that he must be cold. She thought he might be hungry, and brought a little basket of delicacies, such as only a mother's fingers could prepare. When they opened the iron door of the prison to let her pass through, and when she got into his cell, she gave him the clothing to keep him warm, put the food down at his feet, and burst into tears. They took her home,

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perately Involved In Sin, Who Came For Help After An Inter-Varsity Meeting. 'Sure, I Went to An Evangelistic Meeting Once. He talked About This and That, and Then At the Close He Asked Us to Raise Our Hands If We Wanted to Make A Decision.' I Thought, 'Who Wouldn't Vote For a Thing Like That, So I Raised My Hand, But There Has Been No Change.'

It is sadly true that some people who come forward in evangelistic services do not show later evidence that they were truly converted, and some of them may not have been truly born again. However, the same thing is true about those who make profession under any kind of ministry both on the foreign field and in the pastorate at home. You see, when Jesus preached, multitudes first followed Him and then forsook Him. And Judas Iscariot was one of His "disciples," and apostles, but turned out not to be saved. So all of us need to be careful to see that decisions are genuine, as far as we can humanly safeguard that matter, and we need to follow up the converts and help them to live right. But the basic decision which leads to salvation is in the heart,

and she cried all the night through, and when the morning came they found her dead upon her knees. The doctor said she had died of a broken heart.

There are many of us who have been brought nearer, and nearer, and still nearer, not by the preacher, not by the singer, but by the best memory that ever held a man's mind, the sweetest memory that ever stirred his emotions—the memory of his mother. In my mail the other day came these few lines: "I love old mothers. Mothers with white hair and kindly eyes, and lips grown softly sweet with murmuring blessings for their friends. There is something in their quiet manner that speaks of the calm of Sabbath afternoons. Old mothers, as they pass with slow-timed step. Sweet mothers, as they pass one sees again old garden walks, old roses, and old leaves." And when I read those lines I was back again with my mother. I could feel the touch of her hand, and see the tears upon her cheeks. There is many a man who has had the same experience, and you are brought near by your mother. But all the mothers in the world could not save you. You may be near to the kingdom, but you must act for yourself.

I want to suggest another thing that I believe has brought some of you near, and that is preaching. The highest compliment that has been paid me as a preacher was paid by a man who said, "I have attended these mission services from the first. I have heard the singing, and I have heard every sermon you have preached, and not one single night have I been able to sit down. I have always stood in the crowd. But there was only one person present, and that was myself. You were preaching to me. When you preached to me I was back in England, I was sailing to South Africa, I was landing on the Australian shores, and I was breaking my mother's heart, and I was hurting myself. Sir," he said, "there has been only one man in all the crowd you have preached to, and I was the man."

It has been practical preaching you may have heard and you have understood it. I have an idea that if you should stand at the judgment and God should say to you, "Did you understand me?" You might say, "No." Who could understand (Continued on page 12)

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unseen by man. Some converts whose professions I doubted have turned out to be wonderfully good Christians. Others who made clear and bold profession and certainly understood the issues involved, have not lived as well as one ought who has been truly converted.

But why should anyone leave the impression that the "decisions" made in evangelistic campaigns are insincere, and that in any widespread sense, the professions of faith are not genuine? As a basis for his scientific and scholarly conclusion, Editor Bayly says that he knew of a woman who raised her hand once in an evangelistic meeting, and there was no change! What a wonderful body of facts upon which to base such a far-reaching conclusion!

The simple truth is that I do not know of a single evangelist in America who counts people saved because they raise a hand! And I do not know of a single evangelist well-known in America who does not insist that those who take Christ as Saviour come forward, be dealt with clearly or take further steps, so that doubts can be settled and the new convert enlisted in the Lord's work. Only in schools or prisons where the evangelist is not allowed to deal personally with converts does any reputable evangelist ever count one saved who simply lifts his hand, and without any further contact. Of course, one who genuinely trusts Christ and understands the plan of salvation and clearly decides to take Christ and indicates it by an uplifted hand, is saved. But our Brother Bayly shows an ignorance of the methods of evangelism. Actually evangelists all over America have people to raise their hands as a sign that they are interested in their souls and want prayer. Then during the invitation time, trained workers or interested loved ones speak to these people, and they are invited to come forward openly to claim Christ as Saviour, or to go to an inquiry room for further instruction with the Scriptures. People who raise their hands for prayer are never counted as converts in my meetings, or in those of Billy Graham, Merv Rosell, Jack Shuler, Hyman Appleman, Dr. Bob Jones, etc. The inference that the young woman mentioned was a typical convert of evangelistic services is a false inference. Editor Bayly should hold some revival campaigns, know some evangelists first hand, and get his facts straight. When I was a boy it was a wise saying that an old maid who never had a child could always tell how to raise children!

Our brother editor says that this young woman had gone through the Inter-Varsity service and was not saved. Then why not blame Inter-Varsity, as well as the one evangelist the young woman heard

one time? The truth is that people are not saved by holding up a hand to vote, and all evangelists know that as well as Mr. Bayly. And it is a poor quality of journalism and a wholly unjust treatment of fellow Christian workers to infer that evangelists teach that those who raise their hands for prayer are saved.

Beware of Critics of Evangelism

Christian people everywhere should beware of the people who criticize evangelism and slander evangelists. Any respectable magazine which wrote about foreign missions and missionaries as our brother has written about evangelism and evangelists would receive the proper scorn of Christian people. Anyone who talked about Bible institutes and institute faculties, as our brother has written about evangelism and evangelists, would rouse holy indignation, and proper indignation. We hope that the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship leadership will see that it cannot expect to have the support of good Bible-believing Christians when they editorially arouse division and strife among the people of God, when they cast unmerited aspersions upon a class of men whom God has put in the church, the greatest soul winners; and when they discourage evangelistic work, as such an editorial is bound to do. We believe that a real study of the problem by Inter-Varsity leaders will lead them to make correction of this wrong. They are good men. They mean well. They do not have the touch with evangelists and evangelism that some of us have. They write principally for college students who are immature on opinions on such matters. But they are accountable to God and to Christian people who support them, and they want to do right. We will pray and trust them to right the wrong done.

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(Signed) S. B. Watson

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Not Far From The Kingdom

(Continued from page 11)

derstand the infinite God, who holds the winds in His fist, and in the hollow of whose hands the seas wash? Who could understand the majesty of God? And if God should say, "Did you understand my words?" I think you would say, "O God, I did not." And if you made such a confession I think He might say, "My ways are not your ways, and my thoughts are not like yours." But if when you stand at the judgment, God should say to you, "Did you understand that sin was an awful thing?" you would have to say "Yes." "Did you understand that Jesus Christ presented the only way to be saved from sin?" You would be obliged to say "Yes." You have understood the preaching. And the warning has come to you in time. Your heads are clear, and your eyes are wide open.

An officer of my church out in the middle western part of America was riding a young horse one day, and the horse threw him. In falling, one foot caught in the stirrup, and he could not release it, and the horse dragged him for at least a mile. Then the leather strap of the stirrup broke, and later a gentleman driving along the highway saw this old man lying on the road almost dead. They sent for his minister, and when I went in to see my friend, he was only half conscious. Bone after bone in his body had been broken. I remember two or three days later, when he had passed out of danger, I bent over him and said, "Tell me this: If you had not been a Christian, could you have decided for Christ in these days?" He said, "Never. The pain of my body was too intense, and the ache of my head was too severe."

But you are not ill, the warning has come to you in time. "Thou art not far from the kingdom of God."

I have one other thing to suggest as bringing you to this position, although I could speak of many. You stand in the place you occupy this evening because of prayer. Somebody has been praying for you. When you left England's shores, your old mother followed you down to the dock, put her arms around your neck, and said, "My boy, every day I will pray for you." And every letter that has come across the seas had that in it—prayer; and you have wondered why it was you could drift so far, and no further. It was prayer that held you.

One of the most terrific storms that ever swept over on the Northern Sea was raging. The fisher folk gathered upon the shore, and were down upon their knees in prayer, the minister in the center of them. They were lifting up to God the boys who had fastened themselves to the rigging of the vessel out in the storm. The vessel was plunging down into the trough of the waves, and then mounting on the crest of them. The master of the vessel put his speaking trumpet to his lips, and shouted, "Boys, if we go down again it is the end. Make ready." And they went down again, and once more they came up. Then the master put the speaking trumpet to his lips again, and shouted, "Lads, there is someone praying for us on the shore tonight. We will weather the storm," and they did.

There is someone praying for you. It is your minister. It is your old mother who has brought you near to the kingdom. But I need not speak of all the other influences—you are near the kingdom. You are near the kingdom. God is speaking to you and you

are near the kingdom. But you must enter in by your own choice.

When Mr. Moody was conducting a mission like this in a certain part of England, night after night a man came in to the audience. He was a Cornish miner. One night as Mr. Moody and Mr. Sanky were leaving the platform, they noticed him sitting under the gallery with a friend. Mr. Moody made his way over to him and said to him, "Why are you here every night and why are you waiting?"

He replied, "Sir, I said to my companion, 'I will never leave this building until I am saved.'"

Mr. Moody that night led him to Christ. The next day there was an explosion in one of the mines, and many men were taken out, bruised, and bleeding and dying. This man was among the wounded, and when they bent down he was fast passing away. When they took water to wash away the dirt from his face, he opened his eyes. His friend of the previous night was kneeling at his side, and the Cornish miner who was saved the night before was saying, "Jem, it is a good thing I settled it last night." And he was gone.

Oh, it would be a great thing for you to settle it now, while yet there is hope. The door of mercy is open. I bid you enter in.

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Evangelist John R. Rice, Editor

THE SWORD OF THE LORD
Wheaton, Illinois

Dear Brother Rice:

I have read the sermon, "Not Far From the Kingdom," by Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman. I realize that I am a poor lost sinner who needs salvation. I believe that Jesus Christ died for me and wants to forgive me and save me. Therefore, here and now, I turn from my sins in my heart. I sincerely give myself to Jesus Christ depending on Him to forgive me and save me and change my heart. This moment I trust Him to save me and set out to live for Him, by His help. I will openly confess Him as my Saviour.

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